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ROSENBERG/SOBELL Committee

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| 3220 | 10/1/58 | REPORT, SAC BA TO HP | 4 | 3 | | |
| 3221 | 10/1/58 | REPORT TO FILE | 1 | 1 | | |
| 3222 | 10/1/58 | REPORT, SAC BA TO HP | 2 | 2 | | |
| 3223 | 10/2/58 | SA MEMO TO SAC NY | 2 | 0 | | |
| 3223-A | 10/5/58 | MEMO SENT TO FILE | 1 | 1 | | |
| 3224 | 10/7/58 | AIRTEL, SAC NY TO HP | 2 | 0 | | |
| 3225 | 10/7/58 | LETTER, SAC DE TO NY | 1 | 1 | | |
| 3226 | 10/7/58 | MEMO SENT TO FILE | 2 | 2 | | |
| 3227 | 10/7/58 | SA REPORT, SAC CG TO FILE | 1 | 1 | | |
| 3228 | 10/7/58 | SA REPORT, SAC CG TO FILE | 1 | 1 | | |
| 3229 | 10/8/58 | SA MEMO TO FILE | 3 | 3 | | see NY file 100-109849 |
| 3230 | 10/8/58 | SA REPORT TO FILE | 4 | 4 | | |

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| 3231 | 10/9/58 | SA REPORT, SAC NY TO FILE | 2 | 0 | | |
| 3232 | 10/9/58 | SA REPORT, SAC NY TO FILE | 2 | 2 | | |
| 3233 | 10/9/58 | REPORT ME SAC TO HP | 12 | 12 | | |
| 3234 | 10/9/58 | MEMO SENT TO FILE | 1 | 1 | | |
| 3235 | 10/9/58 | REPORT ME TO HP | 4 | 4 | | |
| 3236 | 10/10/58 | MEMO SENT TO FILE | 2 | 0 | | |
| 3237 | 10/10/58 | MEMO SENT TO FILE | 1 | 1 | | |
| 3238 | 10/14/58 | MEMO SENT TO FILE | 3 | 0 | | |
| 3239 | 10/13/58 | LETTER SAC NY TO NK | 2 | 0 | | |
| 3240 | 10/14/58 | LETTER SAC NY TO NK | 4 | 2 | | |
| 3241 | 10/14/58 | MEMO SENT TO FILE | 5 | - | | NY FILE 100-109849 |
| 3242 | 10/13/58 | MEMO SENT TO FILE | 2 | 0 | | |

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| 3243 | 10/13/58 | SA MEMO SENT TO FILE | 2 | 0 | | |
| 3244 | 10/15/58 | SA REPORT TO FILE, CG. | 5 | 0 | | |
| 3245 | 10/16/58 | SA MEMO TO FILE | 4 | 0 | | |
| 3246 | 10/16/58 | LETTER SAC NY TO LA | 6 | 5 | | |
| 3247 | 10/16/58 | MEMO SENT TO FILE | 2 | 1 | | |
| 3248 | 10/17/58 | MEMO SENT TO FILE WITH ATTACHMENTS ^{MT. - 4} 1 ⁶ | | | | |
| 3249 | 10/20/58 | SA MEMO SENT TO FILE | 3 | 0 | | |
| 3250 | 10/20/58 | SA MEMO SENT TO FILE | 1 | 1 | | |
| 3251 | 10/21/58 | LETTER, SAC NY TO CG. | 2 | 0 | | |
| 3252 | 10/21/58 | SA MEMO SENT TO FILE | 1 | 1 | | |
| 3253 | 10/22/58 | SA MEMO SENT TO FILE | 2 | — | | NY FILE 100-109849 |
| 3254 | 10/22/58 | AIRTEL, SAC LA TO SAC CG | 1 | — | | per NY 100-109849 |

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| 3255 | 10/23/58 | AIRTEL, HQ TO NY | 1 | 1 | | |
| 3256 | 10/23/58 | LETTER, SAC NY TO NK | 2 | 0 | | |
| 3257 | 10/23/58 | LETTER, SAC NY TO SAC NK | 4 | 1 | | |
| 3258 | 10/24/58 | LETTER SAC NY TO SAC LA | 9 | 8 | | |
| 3259 | 10/24/58 | SA memo SENT TO FILE | 1 | 0 | | |
| 3260 | 10/27/58 | SA memo SENT TO FILE | 2 | 1 | | |
| 3261 | 10/28/58 | SA memo SENT TO FILE | 2 | 1 | | |
| 3262 | 10/29/58 | LETTER, SAC NY TO SAC NK | 5 | 5 | | |
| 3263 | 10/28/58 | LETTER, SAC NY TO SAC LG | 3 | 0 | | |
| 3264 | 10/29/58 | SA memo SENT TO FILE | 2 | 0 | | |
| 3265 | 10/30/58 | SA memo SENT TO FILE | 5 | 0 | | |
| 3266 | 10/31/58 | AIRTEL, SAC SL TO HQ | 2 | 2 | | |

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| 3267 | 11/3/58 | SA memo SENT TO FILE, LA | 3 | 0 | | |
| 3268 | 11/3/58 | SA memo SENT TO FILE, LA | 4 | 0 | | |
| 3269 | 11/3/58 | SA memo SENT TO FILE | 2 | 2 | | |
| 3270 | 11/4/58 | CG AIRTEL TO NA | 4 | 4 | | see 714 100-109849 |
| 3271 | 11/5/58 | SA memo TO SAC, CG | 3 | 0 | | |
| 3272 | 11/5/58 | SA memo TO SAC, NY | 1 | 1 | | |
| 32720 | 11/5/58 | SA memo TO SAC, CG | 2 | 2 | | |
| 3273 | 11/6/58 | SA memo TO SAC, CG | 1 | 0 | | |
| 3273A | 11/6/58 | SA memo TO SAC, LA | 3 | 0 | | |
| 3274 | 11/7/58 | SA memo TO SAC, NY | 3 | 1 | | |
| 3275 | 11/10/58 | AL LETTER TO NA | 1 | 1 | | |
| 3276 | 11/10/58 | SL AIRTEL TO NA | 2 | 0 | | |

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| 3277 | 11/12/58 | SA LETTER TO SAC, SL | 1 | 0 | | 1 |
| 3278 | 11/12/58 | SA MEMO TO SAC, NY | 2 | 0 | | |
| 3279 | 11/12/58 | NY LETTER TO LA | 3 | 3 | | |
| 3280 | 11/12/58 | SA MEMO TO SAC, NY | 2 | 1 | | |
| 3281 | 11/12/58 | NY LETTER TO NK | 2 | 2 | | |
| 3282 | 11/13/58 | SA MEMO TO SAC, NY | 3 | 3 | | |
| 3283 | 11/13/58 | SA MEMO TO SAC, NY | 1 | 1 | | |
| 3284 | 11/13/58 | CG LETTER TO HQ | 6 | 3 | | |
| 3285 | 11/14/58 | NA LETTER TO SAC, NY WITH 1 COPY | 1 | 1 | | dupe - 1 |
| 3286 | 11/14/58 | NA LETTER TO DEPT. OF ARMY | 2 | 2 | | |
| 3287 | 11/14/58 | SA MEMO TO SAC, MP | 3 | - | | SEE NY 100-109849 |
| 3288 | 11/17/58 | CG AIRETEL TO HQ | 2 | 2 | | |

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| 3289 | 11/17/58 | SA MEMO TO SAC, LA | 5 | 2 | | NY 100-109849 |
| 3289A | 11/17/58 | LEGAT, Rome LETTER TO HQ WITH ATTACHMENT | 1 | 1 | 10 | |
| 3290 | 11/18/58 | SA MEMO TO SAC, CG | 7 | 2 | | NY 100-109849 |
| 3291 | 11/18/58 | SA MEMO TO SAC, NY | 1 | - | | SEE NY 100-109849 |
| 3292 | 11/18/58 | SA MEMO TO NY, SAC | 1 | - | | SEE NY 100-109849 |
| 3293 | 11/19/58 | INFORMANT REPORT SHEET | 1 | 0 | | |
| 3294 | 11/19/58 | SA MEMO TO SAC, CG | 3 | 2 | | NY 100-37158 |
| 3295 | 11/20/58 | SA MEMO TO SAC, NY | 2 | 2 | | |
| 3296 | 11/21/58 | LA LETTER TO HQ | 1 | 0 | | |
| 3297 | 11/25/58 | SA MEMO TO SAC, NY | 1 | 1 | | |
| 3298 | 11/25/58 | AL AIRTEL TO HQ | 1 | 1 | | |
| 3299 | 11/25/58 | NY LETTER TO HQ | 1 | 1 | | |

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| 3300 | 11/25/58 | SF LETTER TO HQ | 1 | 1 | | |
| 3301 | 11/25/58 | SE LETTER TO HQ | 1 | 1 | | |
| 3302 | 11/26/58 | MP LETTER TO HQ | 1 | 1 | | |
| 3303 | 11/26/58 | SA LETTER TO HQ | 1 | 1 | | |
| 3304 | 11/28/58 | CM LETTER TO HQ | 2 | 0 | | |
| 3305 | 11/28/58 | PD LETTER TO HQ | 2 | 2 | | |
| 3306 | 11/28/58 | WFO LETTER TO HQ | 1 | 1 | | |
| 3307 | 11/28/58 | MY LETTER TO HQ | 1 | 1 | | |
| 3308 | 11/28/58 | NY LETTER TO HQ | 1 | 1 | | |
| 3309 | 11/28/58 | CS LETTER TO HQ | 1 | 1 | | |
| 3310 | 11/28/58 | SA LETTER TO SAC NY WITH ATTACHMENT | 1 | 1 | | |
| 3311 | 11/28/58 | NY LETTER TO HQ WITH ATTACHMENT | 5 | 6 | | |

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| REPORTING OFFICE BALTIMORE | OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW YORK | DATE 10/1/58 | INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 9/8-10,16-19,22,23/58 |
| TITLE OF CASE NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, aka. | | REPORT MADE BY LOUIS S. LEAR | TYPED BY lrb |
| | | CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C INTERNAL SECURITY ACT, 1950 | |

SYNOPSIS:

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DETAILS:

Confidential Informant T-1

[REDACTED]

The Communist Party, USA, has been cited by
the Attorney General of the United States
pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

[REDACTED]

Confidential informant T-2

[REDACTED]

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BA 100-15241

Confidential Informant T-3 advised on January 31, 1957, that SARAH HAMMOND attended the Third Part of Upper West Side CP Section Convention on January 17, 1957 at the True Sisters Clubhouse, 150 West 85th Street, New York, New York.

Confidential Informant T-4

Informant advised on December 28, 1957 that a "List For Exchanging Information" was attached to a letter bearing the lotterhead of the Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL. Two of the names on the list were:

SARAH HAMMOND,
158 E. Main Street
Newark, Delaware

Mrs. JULIA SAMUELS
2454 Callow Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland

Confidential Informant T-5

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Confidential Informant T-6

Informant advised on June 27, 1958 that in a letter addressed to GEORGE MEYERS, 2439 Lakeview Avenue, Baltimore 17, Maryland, dated March 3, 1958, ARNOLD JOHNSON stated as follows:

"... as to the MORTON SOBELL case you will be glad to know that he was transferred from Alcatraz to Atlanta. Now the point is to intensify the campaign for his complete release. The plan of this committee apparently is to get a million signatures with a large part of that by May 1st. The large part really initiates the campaign for a million which is a rather practical approach so that people know that the campaign is really for a million signatures.

".....

The July 15, 1958 edition of "The Worker" indicates that ARNOLD JOHNSON was the Legislative Secretary, National Committee, Communist Party, USA.

"The Worker" is an east coast Communist newspaper.

Confidential Informants who are familiar with some phases of Communist Party activity in the Baltimore area advised during September, 1958 that they know of no further activities of this committee.

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In Reply, Please Refer to
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

October 21, 1958
Baltimore, Maryland

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO
SECURE JUSTICE IN THE
ROSENBERG CASE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT 1950

All informants mentioned in the report of
SA LOUIS S. LEAR, dated this date, at Baltimore, Maryland,
have furnished reliable information in the past.

This memorandum is loaned to you by the Federal
Bureau of Investigation and neither it nor its contents
are to be distributed outside the agency to which loaned.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

10/1/58

SAC, BALTIMORE (100-15241)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE
IS - C
ISA 1950

Enclosed for the Bureau are 7 copies of the report of
SA LOUIS S. LEAR, this date, at Baltimore, and 7 copies of letter-
head memorandum.

References: Bureau letter to Baltimore dated 8/29/58.

Informants:

| Identity of Source | Date of Activity and/or Description of Information | Location |
|---|--|---------------------------|
| T-1 [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] |
| T-2 [REDACTED] | 12/1/57 | 100-15241-845 |
| T-3 [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] |
| T-4 Trash Cover 9340 Harvey Road Silver Spring, Md. | | WFO 100-25474-183 (43) |
| T-5 [REDACTED] | 5/10/58 6/25/58 | [REDACTED] |
| T-6 [REDACTED] b2 | | [REDACTED] b2 |

NEGATIVE INFORMANT CHECK:

| <u>Informant</u> | <u>Date Contacted:</u> | <u>Agent by Whom Contacted</u> |
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| [REDACTED] | 9/16/58 9/16/58 | |
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SA JESSE C. PARKER
SA JESSE C. PARKER

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[REDACTED] 9/16/58

SA DONALD L. MILLER

[REDACTED] 9/16/58

SA DONALD L. MILLER

[REDACTED] 9/17/58

SA DONALD L. MILLER

[REDACTED] 9/17/58

SA DONALD L. MILLER

[REDACTED] 9/18/58

SA DONALD L. MILLER

[REDACTED] 9/9/58

SA JESSE C. PARKER

[REDACTED] 9/8/58

SA THEODORE M. MALINOWSK

[REDACTED] 9/8/58

SA THEODORE M. MALINOWSK

[REDACTED] 9/9/58

SA THEODORE M. MALINOWSK

Administrative Data:

Copies of enclosed report are designated for G-2, ONI and OSI because they are interested agencies.

Careful consideration has been given to the use of T-symbols and used only when necessary.

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SUBJECT ROSENBERG/SOBELL COMMITTEE

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

DATE: 10/5/58

FROM : MAURICE H. LAUZIÈRE

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL (940 B'WAY)
CSJMS IS - C

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On 10/5/58 (9 P.M.) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that she works at COOKERY LAFAYETTE 8th Street and University Place, New York City. She said that her manager MR. JOSEPH DRILL died a few weeks ago and the employees of the COOKERY LAFAYETTE collected \$41.00 for his widow, MRS. JOSEPH DRILL and sent her a certified check for the above amount.

[REDACTED] said that on 10/4/58 [REDACTED] received a letter from the COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON dated September 29, 1958 thanking her and the employees of the COOKERY LAFAYETTE for the \$20.00 donation to the above committee by Mrs. Drill which was made possible by the collection.

[REDACTED] advised that the letter was signed ROSE SOBELL.

[REDACTED] also advised that she told another waitress by the name of MARY ANN ----, (last name unknown) who seemed to be very much interested in the content of the letter and wanted to have a photostatic copy of the letter made.

[REDACTED] said she thinks that MARY ANN works for the FBI or some other Law Enforcement agency.

[REDACTED] also mentioned that the owner of the COOKERY LAFAYETTE is MR. BARNEY JOSEPHSON who left recently for Europe and said before he left he would visit Russia. She also said that ALGER HISS is a frequent client and also the ROSENBERGS children. She said it is a RUSSIAN hangout.

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SUBJECT ROSENBERG/SOBELL COMMITTEE

SERIAL 3224 DATE 10/7/58

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SAC, New York (100-4013)

October 7, 1958

SAC, Detroit (100-1334)

SOCIALIST WORKING PARTY
IS - SWP

The following is furnished for information:

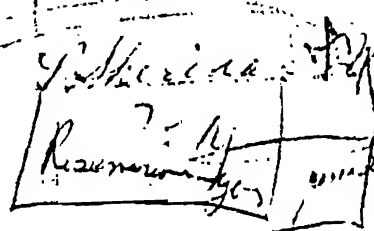
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] who voluntarily furnished certain information from April 15, 1958, to August 15, 1958, which he considered to be of interest to the FBI.

[REDACTED] name may be set forth in your reports. He stated on August 15, 1958, that he would not testify to information which he had furnished, even if subpoenaed.

- 5 - New York (RM)
 (1 - 100- [REDACTED] HELEN SORRELL)
 (1 - 100- [REDACTED] SOCIAL COMMITTEE)
 (1 - 134- [REDACTED] INFORMANTS IN OTHER DIVISIONS - CONTROL FILE)
1 - Chicago (RM)
 (134- [REDACTED] INFORMANTS IN OTHER DIVISIONS - CONTROL FILE)
2 - Detroit
 [REDACTED]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: 10/7/53

Description of info: ~~Robert C. Cavellite Party~~ (8/23/58)
Date Received: 9/10/58
Received by: SA WILLIAM G. LINEHAN (written)
Original location: ~~████████████████████~~

A copy of informant's written report follows:

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FBI - NEW YORK
W. H. Sullivan

NY 107111

9/4/58

Report on a party held by the Sobell Committee, Saturday evening, August 23, 1958 in the penthouse apartment of Anita Rubenstein, 59 West 71st St. [REDACTED] b7d

[REDACTED] About 125 people were in attendance and \$205.00 was cleared. The party was a bigger success than expected. It was thought that the Socialist political campaign would cut down the attendance. Many new faces were noted in the audience. Perhaps over 2/5 in attendance were negro. [REDACTED] b-7-D

An appeal was made for funds during the entertainment period. Lloyd Gaugh was the entertainer. The appeal was made by a man named Lou, who is a Socialist Worker Party member. Altogether \$68.00 was collected and twenty dollars in pledges. [REDACTED] b-7-D

[REDACTED] b7d

The entire Committee was pleased with the party. Aaron Katz was given the money to take to the Sobell office.

SAC, CHICAGO (100-25530)

October 7, 1958

SA RICHARD F. HOMAN

CHICAGO SOBELL COMMITTEE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

On [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished SA RICHARD F. HOMAN in person with two mimeographed leaflets, one announcing a PETE SEEGER Sing presented by the "Old Town School of Folk Music" on August 10, 1958, at 32 West Randolph Street, Chicago, and leaflet number two, a letter disclosing the sale of a group of tickets to this PETE SEEGER Sing with the proceeds designated from the sale of these tickets for the Chicago Sobell Committee. b7d

The material furnished by [redacted] is maintained in Chicago file 100-25530-1B2 (348). b7d

The leaflet announcing the sale of tickets is addressed to Dear Friend, and is signed by GERTRUDE GUNTER and contains an application blank for tickets.

2 - New York (RM)

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(National Committee to Secure Justice
in the Rosenberg Case)

5 - Chicago

1 - 100-

(Old Town School of Folk Music)

RFH:mer
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Rec'd from [redacted] 10/15/58
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SAC, CHICAGO (100-25530)

October 7, 1958

SA RICHARD F. HOMAN

CHICAGO SOBELL COMMITTEE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

On [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished SA RICHARD F. HOMAN in person with a one page mimeographed typewritten letter addressed to President EISENHOWER appealing for amnesty for MORTON SOBELL. b7d

The material furnished by [REDACTED] is maintained in Chicago file 100-25530-1B2 (347).

The letter furnished by [REDACTED] is quoted as follows:

"Dear President Eisenhower,

"We are addressing you to urge clemency for Morton Sobell who is serving a thirty year sentence. He has paid the penalty for whatever he may have done.

"Morton Sobell has always maintained his innocence. Only one witness said that Sobell was involved in espionage. This witness admitted fear of a perjury indictment, and apparently hoped to avoid prosecution by his testimony. The truthfulness of the testimony against Sobell has never been reviewed by a higher court. Supreme Court Justice Black said, 'This Court has never reviewed this record and has never affirmed the fairness of the trial.'

"The trial of Morton Sobell took place in 1951 when we were at war in Korea and

2 - New York (RM)

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1 - Chicago

1 - [REDACTED]
1 - [REDACTED]
RPH:mar
(5)

(MORTON SOBELL)

(National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case)

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-4931)(#7-5)

DATE: 10/8/58

FROM : SA JOHN H. CAMPBELL (#12-13)

SUBJECT: CP, USA
IS - C

Identity of Source [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past (conceal)

Description of Info Report dated 9/28/58, concerning 39th Anniversary Celebration of CP and Ben Davis Election Rally, held jointly on 9/26/58, at Carnegie Hall, NYC.

Date Received 9/29/58

Received By SA JOHN H. CAMPBELL (written)

Original Located [REDACTED]

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On Friday, September 26, 1958 at 8 PM I attended a 39th anniversary celebration of the Communist party of the U.S.A. and a Ben Davis Election rally at Carnegie Hall, 57th St. and seventh avenue. The admission was one dollar per person. There were approximately 1,000 in the audience.

The first speaker was Bill Albertson. He introduced the communist party movements, mentioned Smith Act victims, Morton Sobell, Little Rock and the Eisenhower, Dulles treatment to the Matsus and Quemoy islands. He then introduced Arnold Johnson as chairman of the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee.

Johnson spoke strictly on Winston & Green. He stated they were the only two Smith Act victims still in prison. He then asked one and all to write to Eisenhower demanding their release and to write to the parole board to parole them for they are eligible for parole.

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Bill Albertson then got up and recommended a resolution to send a telegram to the President demanding the release of Winston & Green. The voting was an unanimous eye. Then he introduced the next speaker as Eugene Dennis.

Eugene Dennis gave a large run down on Red China. He started by using simple Marxian Theory. The problem, the constitution of the problem and the reasoning involved to show why the Imperialistic United States should remove there forces from Red Chinese territories. He also mentioned the recent voting in the U.N. to keep Red China out of the U.N. and Nationalist China in. He stated that the vote margin was better this year and that nothing should allow anyone the right to keep 6 hundred million people from a voice in world politics.

Bill Albertson then got up and instilled the need for a resolution to the President to demand the removal of all U.S. forces from Chinese Waters. They was voted on and another large voicing of "ayes" was heard. Then Bill Alberstson stated that since William Z. Foster could not be present he would be heard via a tape recording.

William Z. Foster mentioned his sorrow at not being able to be there but welcomed all his comrades. He stated the Communist Party was going bigger and better than it ever had before. The realization of setbacks helped them to understand better how they must grow in the future. He also mentioned the brinkmanship of War that Dulles & Eisenhower seemed to be leading the U.S. towards.

After the tape recording Bill Albertson called for money. He mentioned the Communist Party was not allowed to solicit money so they were selling a pamphlet for as much as \$50. They collected over \$600 in large donations. There was no mentioning of the total amount collected.


After the collection the next speaker was Mildred Mc Adory who is Ben Davis' chairman of the committee to elect him senator of the 21st district.

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He started out by speaking against DeSapio very loudly because of their throwing out of some of the signatures because they were illegible. She then went on to say that _____ were going to have a stepped up write in campaign to make sure of Davis being on the ballot. She also stated that they had enlisted some youth into the Communist Party while they were working for Davis' name to appear on the ballot. She spoke very energetically and highly about the Negro people and the Communist Party and the amount of voting power being lost due to non-registration and urged everyone to register so that Ben Davis will get a large number of votes and make a good showing and that the committee was going to go from house to house to make sure everyone registers so that when voting time comes they will succeed in getting not only names on a petition but votes".

The next speaker was Ben Davis. He was announced as the State Chairman of the Communist party and candidate for the New York State Senate in Harlem's 21st District. Ben Davis spoke of the Communist Parties work and of the work of some of the leaders. He then went on by stating the power of the Negro people and of the working class would be a large determining factor in any election anywhere. He also criticized the present situation at Little Rock. He mentioned also the brink of war policy of Dulles and the disliking of the American people of that policy.

The next and last phase of the rally was a narrative of a script written by Phil Bonosky. This was done by he and three others of which one was Harold Collins.

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The rally was over at about 11 PM.

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10/2/58

SA J. WILKIN MIRANTON (12-0)

CP, USA
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Sept. 30, 1958

On Friday night, Sept. 26, 1958, a celebration of the 30th Anniversary of the Communist Party was held at Carnegie Hall. The downstairs portion of the hall was filled and there were people scattered in the balconies. About 1200 were present.

William Albertson was chairman and introduced the speakers who included Ben Davis, Mildred _____, Eugene Dennis, & Arnold Johnson.

Telegrams were read which included congratulations by the Chinese Communists. Dennis condemned the U.S. policy in Quemoy and Matsu and asked for support to free two CP leaders presently in jail. Johnson spoke of gaining strength through workers and unions, Davis covered the phase of Negro rights and also criticized the US policy in China. He called the US policy makers "atom maniacs" and said if they persist capitalism will be wiped out. Davis said the President should be impeached for his Jim Crow and China policies.

They pleaded for contributions, starting with \$50, then \$20, \$10 etc. It appeared as if a large amount was collected. Several groups sent money forward.

A petition for justice for Morton Sobell was passed around.

Some people from the social science school and Ben Davis' headquarters were in the crowd which was a rather quiet one. There was a sizable group of rather young people present.

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SYNOPSIS:

Milwaukee Sobell Committee has held numerous house parties and functions to raise funds. Committee active in distributing literature. Milwaukee Sobell Committee engaged in passing a chain letter which requested that persons send a letter to President EISENHOWER requesting clemency for MORTON SOBELL. Officers elected to Sobell Committee in July, 1957 continue to be officers in same capacity. As of October 1, 1958, Milwaukee Sobell Committee banking account has balance of \$13.33. Public meeting held June 21, 1958, featuring Professor STEPHEN LOVE. Sobell Committee held meeting in 1958 for purpose of putting pressure on Wisconsin Legislature to help free SOBELL.

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DETAILS:

PREFACE

An informant advised on October 16, 1953 that the National Conference on the Rosenberg-Sobell Case was held October 10 and 11, 1953 at Chicago, Illinois, and, as a result thereof, a Milwaukee Branch of the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee was formed. Informant further advised that this committee became inactive in the spring of 1955.

On August 2, 1957 an informant advised that the Milwaukee Branch of the Sobell Committee was reactivated on July 29, 1957.

[REDACTED] the purpose of the Sobell Committee was to get SOBELL's case before the United States Supreme Court. b-7-D

An informant on August 6, 1957 advised that the Communist Party in reactivating the Sobell Committee realized that there were not enough Communist Party members in Milwaukee to make the Sobell Committee effective. Consequently, during a meeting held in Milwaukee with Socialist Workers Party officers in July, 1957, it was requested that the Socialist Workers Party join forces with the Communist Party in the Sobell Committee, which coalition was agreed upon by the Socialist Workers Party.

On August 16, 1957 an informant advised that JOHN GILMAN, Chairman, and CORA BERBERICH, Treasurer of the Sobell Committee, were members of the Communist Party and that the major portion of the members of the Sobell Committee are members of the Communist Party. Informant also advised that WAYNE LEVERENZ and BETSY STERGAR are Vice-Chairman and Secretary respectively of the Sobell Committee.

On July 26, 1957 an informant identified LEVERENZ and STERGAR as members of the Socialist Workers Party.

An informant on October 15, 1957 and again on June 2, 1958 advised that the Milwaukee Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell is one of the affiliated committees of the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell and that the Milwaukee Committee has held regular meetings since its reactivation on July 29, 1957.

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Following the execution of atomic spies ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG in June 1953, the "Communist campaign assumed a different emphasis. Its major effort centered upon MORTON SOBELL," the ROSENBERGS' codefendant. The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case--a Communist front which had been conducting the campaign in the United States--was reconstituted as the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee at a conference in Chicago in October, 1953 and "then as the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case." National headquarters remained at 1050 Sixth Avenue, New York City. Co-chairmen of the newest organization were DANIEL MARSHALL and JOSEPH BRAININ.

(Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, "Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell," August 25, 1956, pp. 118 and 120; also cited in Annual Report for 1955, House Report 1648, January 17, 1956, originally released January 11, 1956, p. 30.)

The Socialist Workers Party and the Communist Party (CP) have been designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

I. ORIGIN, SCOPE AND GENERAL ACTIVITIES

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Confidential Informant [redacted] on August 29, 1957 advised that JAMES PHILLIPS was a paid-up member of the AFL Industrial Club of the Communist Party in Milwaukee.

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In May, 1958 informant advised that the Milwaukee Sobell Committee was active in distributing literature, and that on May 2 and 3, 1958 Committee members passed out 800 leaflets.

On June 2, 1958 informant furnished a leaflet entitled "A French Scandal and an American One," issued as a public service by the Milwaukee Sobell Committee, 914 North Plankinton Avenue, which read as follows:

"'I ACCUSE,' a current film on the sordid frame-up of Captain Alfred Dreyfus is certain to attract the interest of all intelligent people.

"The story of Dreyfus is interesting and revealing. He was the first Jew to be elevated to the French General Staff, he was then charged and convicted of espionage and sent to Devil's Island. His wife took up his defense and against hopeless odds carried his case to the nation. Important liberals became interested and the film unreels the story of how an innocent man regains his freedom.

"One is immediately struck with the resemblance between the classic frame-up of Dreyfus and the case of the American scientist, Morton Sobell. After many court hearings and appeals, after a big battle Dreyfus was freed and his name was cleared. Morton Sobell is still in prison, still in need of help. Although, as a result of public protest so far, he has been transferred from America's Devils Island (Alcatraz) to the less severe Atlanta penitentiary.

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"JUST AS EMILIE ZOLA appealed for Dreyfus, notables throughout the world like Bertrand Russel, Norman Thomas and Elmer Davis have called for a new trial for Morton Sobell.

"JUST AS CLEMENCEAU, a famous French Senator fought for Dreyfus, United States Senator William Langer calls for justice for Morton Sobell.

"JUST AS THE WIFE OF DREYFUS carried on the fight for his freedom, the wife of Morton Sobell travels throughout America, carrying the message of his innocence.

"SAYS PROFESSOR FRANCIS D. WORMUTH, outstanding political scientist and distinguished authority on constitutional law:

"The very indefensibility of the verdict in the Dreyfus Case led the French government to fight deeper to cover up its mistakes; but the aroused conscience of France finally won. Our Justice Department appears equally afraid to re-open the Sobell case, which bears so striking a resemblance to the Dreyfus Case. But the hysteria that led to the conviction has disappeared; and it may not be long before an informed public opinion prompts the government to agree to a re-trial for Morton Sobell."

On July 2, 1958 informant furnished a leaflet published by the Milwaukee Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell entitled "DR. HAROLD UREY, Atomic Scientist and Nobel Prize Winner says--'MORTON SOBELL SHOULD HAVE A NEW TRIAL,'" which read as follows:

"I've have been asked many times how I became interested in the case of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg and Morton Sobell. One evening after I had spoken at a Temple in Chicago, a woman came up to me and asked if she could see me at my office. Several days later she visited me and gave me some literature on the Rosenberg-Sobell case. I glanced at the material and showed the lady to the door as painlessly as possible.

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"Afterward, I looked at the material and it was pretty terrible, if what it said was true. A few days later there was a telephone call and I was asked to make a statement on the case. I said I could not possibly make a statement with-out knowing the facts.

"The next day there arrived on my desk the complete transcript of the Rosenberg-Sobell trial. Now, I get a great deal of material sent to me, and much of it finds its way to my waste basket. However I usually glance at things to see what they are about. So I began reading the record of the trial. It was something like a detective story, but very poorly organized. I read every night for a week until I had finished the entire record.

"Until the time I was halfway through I was convinced they were completely guilty. But, then, as I read on, I was shocked by what had taken place. There was so much foolishness in the trial. It was plainly obvious that there was outright perjury.

"People have asked me what Morton Sobell did. But I don't know. On reading through the record of the trial again I am astounded at how little there was about Sobell in the trial. You cannot tell what he is even supposed to have done. There is no question but that Morton Sobell should have a new trial.

"Once I knew the truth, I had no choice but to speak out. I have had many difficulties because of my position on this case, but I've also had people congratulate me for my stand. I have always been taught that someone with character had to stand up for what one believes is right. There comes a time in every person's life when he has to decide whether to speak the truth. My time had arrived."

On [redacted] informant advised that the Sobell Committee held a meeting at Turner Hall, 1034 North 4th Street, on [redacted]. Informant stated that JOHN GILMAN began the meeting by playing a recording of a talk by the chaplain of Alcatraz Prison who had been chaplain while MORTON SOBELL was in Alcatraz.

Informant stated that GILMAN then introduced the main speaker, Professor STEPHEN LOVE, a professor at Northwestern University, whose talk was entitled "A New Look At The Sobell Case."

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According to the informant, LOVE stated that justice had not been done in the Sobell case and he called the decision disgraceful.

On [redacted] informant advised that at a Sobell meeting held [redacted] JOHN GILMAN asked everyone present to write a letter to Congressman REUSS asking him to use his influence to obtain the release of MORTON SOBELL.

On [redacted] informant advised that at a Sobell Committee meeting held [redacted] mimeographed flyers were passed out to members in the form of a chain letter which read as follows:

"Dear

"This is a Chain letter.

"I think that thousands of letters linked together, sent to President Eisenhower requesting clemency, will free Morton Sobell, don't you?

"Morton Sobell has declared his innocence from the very beginning when he was kidnapped from Mexico, beaten and dragged to stand trial in the United States for something he did not do.

"Want to help free him?

"1. Send a letter to the President requesting clemency for Morton Sobell.

"2. Send a copy of this letter to as many of your friends, anywhere in the United States, whom you think will continue the chain.

"If everyone binds their links in solidarity for Morton Sobell, thousands of appeals for clemency will reach the President's desk, and this will increase Morton's chances of getting out from behind prison bars at Atlanta Federal Penitentiary.

"PLEASE DON'T BREAK THE CHAIN!"

"Sincerely,

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"President Eisenhower,
White House
Washington, D.C.

"Dear Mr. President:

"Please grant clemency to Morton Sobell. In the tradition
of justice and humanity, I take the liberty of urging
your personal attention to this matter."

Sincerely,

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In August, 1958 Confidential Informants [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] b-2
advised that on August 3, 1958 the Milwaukee Sobell Committee
held a picnic at Lake Park, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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On June 17, 1958 Confidential Informant [REDACTED] b2
furnished a leaflet
published by the Milwaukee Sobell Committee entitled "CLARENCE
DARROW IN THE NEWS," which read as follows:

"CLARENCE DARROW, twenty years dead, is still a live
and controversial figure.

"The Shorewood Players are currently performing 'Inherit
the Wind,' a play turning about the Darrow - Bryan battle.
A fight that resulted in a defeat for bigotry and an
advance for academic freedom and scientific inquiry.

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"The recent release from prison of Natham Leopold happily coincides with the issuance of a Darrow biography aptly entitled, 'Attorney for the Damned.'

"This account demonstrates that he was a genuine liberal, not one of those spineless and timid creatures who pretend to liberal views. He quit a fat job with the Northwestern Railroad to defend the striking and penniless United Railway Union. He was not capable of turning his back, so as not to notice that someone was being victimized.

"In a sedition trial in 1920 he expressed his views on freedom:

"'I ask you to say that men shall be free, and if in open discussions between free men my clients triumph, well and good; they ought to triumph; and if they are wrong their theories must go down. I urge you to stand for the right of men to think; for the right to speak bold and unafraid; the right of men to be masters of their own souls; the right to live free and to die free. There is no other cause that is so much worth while.'

"This is the strong medicine needed to cleanse the fear-stained and McCarthy-smearred soul of America. This is the inspiration of the freedom fighters of this day.

"Knowing and understanding this, can we permit that innocent victim of the witch-hunt, Morton Sobell, to languish in prison? Even though public protest has resulted in his transfer from Alcatraz to the less severe Atlanta penitentiary, we cannot rest until he is free.

"Let justice be done, sign the petition to free Morton Sobell."

On March 6, 1958, Confidential Informant [REDACTED] b-2 advised that the Milwaukee Sobell Committee held a chicken dinner on February 15, 1958 at 8216 Ruby Street for the purpose of raising funds. Informant advised that about sixty persons attended this dinner.

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On June 10, 1958, Confidential Informant [REDACTED] furnished a leaflet published by the Milwaukee Sobell Committee announcing the appearance of Professor STEPHEN LOVE on June 21, 1958 at Milwaukee Turner Hall. This leaflet read as follows:

"A NEW LOOK AT THE SOBELL CASE"

"THE TRUTH is coming out! The smear tactics of the McCarthy period have been discredited. The public is disgusted with the witch-hunters, newspapers like the Milwaukee Journal call for the abolition of the House UnAmerican Committee.

"Everywhere prominent individuals are stepping forward in defense of civil liberties and Constitutional freedom.

"Important public figures like the late Elmer Davis have entered the fight, at its central point, the demand of a new and fair trial for Morton Sobell.

"Scientist Morton Sobell was convicted of conspiracy, along with Julius and Ethel Rosenberg in the hysteria of that time. The Rosenbergs, despite world protest (Including a plea from the Pope) were callously executed. Sobell was sentenced to thirty years in prison.

"Because of public protest, Sobell has just recently been transferred from the dread Alcatraz to the milder Atlanta prison. We cannot rest content with this small victory, we cannot rest until he is free.

"Sponsored by

"The Milwaukee Committee to Secure
Justice for Morton Sobell
914 N. Plankinton Ave., BR 2 1130"

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II. OFFICERS

Chairman----- JOHN GILMAN
Vice Chairman----- WAYNE LEVERENZ
Secretary----- BETSY STERGAR
Treasurer----- CORA BERBERICH

On October 2, 1958, Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised that the above individuals, who were elected as officers of the Milwaukee Sobell Committee in July, 1957, are currently the officers of the Milwaukee Sobell Committee in the same capacity. b-2

III. FINANCES

On October 3, 1958 Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised that the Milwaukee Sobell Committee continues to maintain a checking account at the Wisconsin State Bank, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, under the name "Milwaukee Sobell Committee," and that as of October 1, 1958 the balance in this account was \$13.33. [REDACTED] further advised that JOHN GILMAN and CORA BERBERICH continue to be the authorized signers for this account. b-2

IV. STATED AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

[REDACTED] b-7-D

On February 25, 1957 Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised that FRED BLAIR was Vice Chairman of the Communist Party of Wisconsin.

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V. SUBVERSIVE RAMIFICATIONS *b-2*

On February 24, 1958 Confidential Informant [REDACTED] stated that the Communist Party is almost reduced to nothing. He said that the Sobell Committee was not doing very well, but that it affords cooperation "between the socialist parties and the liberals."

[REDACTED]

On June 19 1958 Confidential Informant [REDACTED] *b-2* advised that JOHN GILMAN and AL STERGAR agree that the Sobell movement is a good way for all "radicals" to cooperate. *b-7-D*

Confidential Informant [REDACTED] *b-2* on October 3, 1958 advised that AL STERGAR is the Executive Chairman of the Milwaukee Branch of the Socialist Workers Party.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Milwaukee, Wisconsin

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL, aka
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Reference is made to the report of SA RUSSELL D.
JONES captioned and dated as above.

The informants as referred to in referenced report
have furnished reliable information in the past.

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SAC, Milwaukee (100-11982)

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Enclosed herewith are six copies of the report of SA RUSSELL D. JONES captioned and dated as above together with six copies of an informant evaluation memorandum. Two copies of the above report and two copies of an informant evaluation memorandum are enclosed for the New York Office.

REFERENCE

Report of SA RUSSELL D. JONES dated April 14, 1958 at Milwaukee.

ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and "T" symbols were utilized in this report only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

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Leaflet "A French Scandal.."

Leaflet "Dr. Harold Urey Says.."

Sobell Committee picnic

T-2 is [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], Wis.
State Bank,
16th &-
Greenfield,
Milwaukee,
Wis. (Requested)

Re bank account of the RUSSELL D. JONES
Milwaukee Sobell
Committee

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| [REDACTED] | Leaflet "CLARENCE DARROW In the News" | [REDACTED] | MI 100-11982- 1B1-87 |
| T-6 is [REDACTED] | Sobell Committee picnic 8/3/58 | [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] |
| [REDACTED] | Characterization of [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] |
| T-7 is [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] |
| T-8 is [REDACTED] | Fund raising dinner 2/15/58 | [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] |
| T-9 is [REDACTED] | Re Milwaukee signature campaign | [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] |
| T-10 is [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] | MI 100-11982- 1B1-82 |
| [REDACTED] | Re subversive ramifications | [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] |
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| T-11 is [REDACTED] | Info re stated aims and objectives | [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] |

Informants used to characterize the Milwaukee Committee to Secure
Justice for Morton Sobell are: [REDACTED]

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THE MILWAUKEE OFFICE
At Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Will follow and report activities of the Milwaukee Sobell Committee.

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111) (7-1)

DATE: 10/10/58

FROM : SA ROBERT K. STONER

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL
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The following report appeared in the "Morning Freiheit" of August 22, 1958, on page 2, columns 1-2:

Successful Concert By "SOBELL COMMITTEE" In Far Rockaway

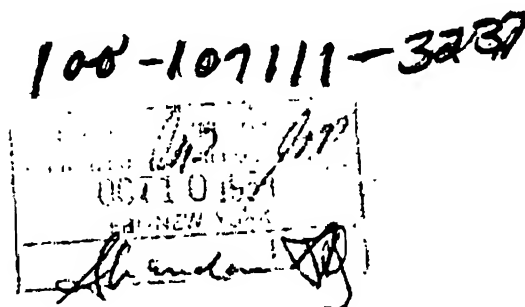
Last Saturday evening, August 16th, over 100 people attended a concert, in Far Rockaway, N. Y., sponsored by the "Committee To Free Morton Sobell". The concert marked the 8th anniversary since Morton Sobell was put behind bars.

Rose Sobell, mother of Morton Sobell, delivered a short talk which was received very warmly by the audience. She related her experiences in Washington and said that great progress was being made in the fight to free her son. Ted Jacobs, well-known worker in the "Sobell Committee", spoke also. He ordered those present to distribute petitions for the liberation of Sobell and he advised that these petitions are obtainable in the offices of the Committee, 940 Broadway, New York.

\$365.00 was collected at the meeting.

The above was translated from the Yiddish by HYMAN N. RABINOWITZ, INTERPRETER.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEWARK (100-24975) DATE: 10/14/58
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-132164)
SUBJECT : LOUIS ANTHONY FISCHER
SM-C

Identity of Source: [REDACTED] who has furnished
reliable info in past (conceal)

Description of info: 39th Anniversary Celebration
of the CP, USA

Date Received: 9/30/58

Received by: SA MORRIS W. HADDOCK (written)

Original located: [REDACTED]

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the following information in order to protect the identity
of the informant.

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On ~~Saturday~~ ^{Friday} evening, September 26, 1953

Among those who attended the celebration were

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES

DATE: 10/16/58

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-)

SUBJECT: HAROLD DAVIES
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Identity of Source

[REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past (conceal)

Description of Info

Meeting at Hotel New Yorker to hear HAROLD DAVIES - British MP, 9/19/58

Date Received

9/23/58

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SA KARL ROBERT BUCKMAN (written)

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September 21, 1958

Almost eight hundred persons -- predominantly middle and old age group of both men and women --- paid \$1.00 admission to hear the witty Harold Davies, British Labor M.P. Exec. Comm. member of the Victory for Socialism group, speak on "The Next Steps to Peace, Friday, Sept 19, in the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel New Yorker. About ten teenage boys were observed in the audience. Two solicited sale of the newspaper, "The Young Socialist, 10¢."

Although advertised to start at 8:00 P.M., the program did not get underway until 8:40. Annette Rubenstein circulated about greeting friends. Most of the arrivals came in parties of three, four, five and seven. There were very few single arrivals.

Annette Rubenstein opened the program with the information that the successful tour of Harold Davies, and the countless radio and TV shows he appeared on, were all due to the brilliant idea of the East's Elinor Ferry (who took a bow -- a brunette in forties, hennaed cast to hair, tall, medium build) and Vincent (Kannahan? Hallihan) of California, who was not present.

Annette Rubenstein called for a collection to finance the appearance of more speakers like Harold Davies, from other countries.

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The Rev. A.J. Muste was the first speaker, introduced as a fighter for peace since 1914. He made it clear that his appearance on the program was not to be considered as endorsement for any political candidate for offices -- neither did he intend to cast any aspersions against candidates on the program. Salient points of this talk were: His trip abroad -- of being in Lebanon during the sudden occupation by U. S. Marines; of being in Paris when De Gaulle took over. He found the people uneasy because of war clouds attributable

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1 - New York (100-128812)(CP, NYD - POLITICAL ACTIVITIES)(#7-6)

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to U.S. foreign policy being unstable compared to the Russian policy which the people recognized as being truly a policy for peace. He claimed he did not meet one man or woman Russian who wanted war. They were all convinced that their Gov't was for peace and meant to fully support it to that end. If war came, they felt it would not be provoked by the Russians but Russia would be prepared to defend its peace policy. Whereas Russia stopped nuclear tests last March in the interests of peace the U.S. supposedly in agreement, was still conducting nuclear tests in the desert and still raining radioactive particles down on Pacific Isles. Because of provocative statements, wavering actions on the part of U.S. diplomats, people overseas were losing confidence in the nation's ability to project any honest, dependable policy in its relationship with all countries.

He called for united efforts to have nuclear tests suspended. He praised the people of Red China and called for support in the fight for their representation at the U.N.

He said that Germany should be made a free state in the interests of peace and not an armed arsenal as it was now. Said the islands of Formosa, Quemoy and Matsu belonged to China Mainland. Concluded his talk reminding all present of their duty to take more personal responsibility in the fight for peace.

Next speaker, Otto Nathan gave a very long emotional speech which was repetitious of the points made by Rev. Muste. Only additional point was praise of socialism versus capitalism as the system permitted human beings to rise to highest potential and highest standard of living without war periods and sufferings and losses in lives. He elaborated on Hiroshima. Concluded in a wail for everyone to fight for peace and against the politicians leading the nation into more wars more horrible than any past war. On side of Socialism life - on side of capitalism - death.

Corliss Lamont amused the audience when he told about Annette Rubenstein and Harold Davies having to run the gauntlet in order to speak in Buffalo last Sat. Subversive police caused the Knights of Pythias Hall to cancel the meeting place.

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However, a church came to the rescue and although police lined the entrance for a block, 200 people walked the gauntlet with the speakers and stayed for the entire program.

He next launched into a bitter and comical attack on his pet hate -- John Foster Dulles. Advised sending him back to Duck Island to commune with the birds because all his policies and diplomatic efforts "were for the birds". He said the whole world needed a rest and freedom from constantly being brought to the brink of war. He suggested Harold Stassen as replacement; that Dulles must go. Complained about U.S. ambitious busybody interests in Formosa and Quemoy, that it was time for this country to start minding its own business; to give up its far flung military bases, and strive for peace. Next he complained about the poor condition of the railroads and said the U.S. should take them over. He complained that the monkey business going on in Albany now was such that he, Annette Rubenstein & Jack McManus still didn't know whether or not they would get on the ballot. Concluded his talk with praises for Otto Nathan for having won the fight in 1958. He expressed the hope that everyone present would someday go to China Mainland and see for themselves what the people in Red China are doing. Said he was in agreement with the Rev. Muste that much progress is being made there and that U.S. citizens should be permitted passports there and everywhere.

The main speaker Harold Davies gave the audience a laugh when he said he had been eager to meet our statue of Liberty; that the old girl had met him holding her torch, but her arm was a little weak.

He gave personal information as to being Welch and of having come by his education the hard way. He praised his Party which had been the first party to come into power within 18 years. Claimed this had been accomplished by cold reasoning and realistic approaches along with hard work and fearless efforts. He said the only instrument for peace now was the

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U.N. and it was racket-ridden with politics; that the first step to peace would be to emphasize its good points and play down its bad so it would have to live up to what was expected of it -- to clean it out and make it work. Another step in the interest of peace would be for this country and U.S. to mind their own business. He said it was an acknowledged psychological fact that a bad Gov't of our brown or yellow brothers, was better than any good Gov't his country or U.S. could give them; to let them all develop in their own way, and don't be giving them handouts and fighting their battles for them.

Told audience that capitalism provided work for people only during and immediately after wars. Reported that U.S. was producing munitions 56 times more than it did in 1938. He wanted to know if this meant that U.S. expected 56 times more protection that the whole system was laughable. Nor could London evacuate within 6 minutes as it chose to believe. No protection against nuclear attack. Concluded talk by urging Americans to see that a good party member is voted into power. Suggested a good beginning by supporting Annette Rubenstein. He said he believed the reason party progress had not been made in America was its people were too fearful. Said he couldn't account for this since Americans had been strong and fearless enough in beating the British way back. Urged everyone to revive some of the lost spirit and get up guts enough to oust war makers out of power. He stressed more personal responsibility in political affairs and the fight for peace to reach the youth and inspire, and encourage them so that they will know that this too is their responsibility.

His talk ended at 11:10 P.M. Because of the lateness of the hour, Annette Rubenstein announced that there would not be any time for questions and answers. Requested audience to stop and look over the literature table on the way out. (The table contained some free literature on Morton Sobell. Petitions were circulated. Books by Wexley on Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were on sale.)


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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)(7-1) DATE: 10/16/58

FROM : SA MORRIS W. HADDOCK (12-0)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL
IS - CIdentity of Source: [REDACTED] who has furnished
reliable info in past (conceal)

Description of info: [REDACTED]

Date Received: 10/10/58

Received by: SA MORRIS W. HADDOCK (written) b-1

Original location: [REDACTED]

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of the informant.

The current cross reference telephone directory
reflects that a Mrs. L. ROBBINS resides at 840 Columbus Ave.
telephone number UN 4-6552.

A copy of informant's report follows:

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-4931)(7-5)

DATE: 10/20/58

FROM : SA JOHN H. CAMPBELL (12-13)

SUBJECT: CP, USA
IS - C

Reference is made to the memorandum of the writer dated 10/8/58, setting forth a written report from [REDACTED] b-7-D regarding the 39th Anniversary Celebration of the CP, held 9/26/58.

Page 2, Paragraph 2 of referenced memorandum identifies ARNOLD JOHNSON as "... chairman of the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee". Informant was apparently referring to JOHNSON's position as chairman of the Civil Liberties Committee of the CP, rather than that of a separate organization.

Accordingly, this correction is being disseminated to all files containing referenced memorandum.

- 1- [REDACTED] (12-13)
 - 1- [REDACTED] (7-5)
 - 1- [REDACTED] (7-6)
 - ①- NY 100-107111 (National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell)(7-1)
 - 1- NY [REDACTED]
 - 1- NY 100-107419 (Emergency Civil Liberties Committee)(7-1)
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TO : SAC (100-107111)

DATE: 10/21/58

FROM : SA GEORGE EDWIN JONES (7-1)

SUBJECT: SOBELL COMMITTEE,
IS-C.

The "NATIONAL GUARDIAN", issue of October 20, 1958,
page 11, col. 2, contains the following announcement:

"FUN ON TRIAL**"The Charge - Brewing up a****'Bewitching Eve'****The Prosecution - Old****'Stay in the Closet'****The Defense - A Hallowe'en Evening****swept with fun, with an Atmosphere****that bewitches, Dancing to take the****stiches out of your britches. Featuring****all kinds of witches, especially 'Sand-****witches' at the Broomstick Jamboree on****the Witches' night out, Sat. Oct. 25,****8:30 on & on & on, at 325 E. 17 St.****(Weissman's). Cont. Sobell Committee."**

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- 1 - ASAC N. H. McCABE, DIV. IV
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- 1 - SUP. T. SCOTT MILLER, #12
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- 1 - RA KINGSTON
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October 23, 1958

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TO: SAC, New York (100-4313)

FROM: Director, FBI (100-16)

SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY
INTERNAL SECURITY - SWP

For the information of the New York Office which is office of origin for the cases on the Socialist Workers Party and the National Rosenberg - Sobell Committee, the Los Angeles Office by airtel dated 10/21/58 under instant case caption reported the following information:

Chicago is instructed to cover the above-mentioned 10/27/58 event through available sources and informants.

All offices should be alert for the possible formation of the above-mentioned international board and relevant information concerning the board as well as results of the 10/27/58 event should be submitted in memorandum form suitable for dissemination and six copies should be furnished.

- 1 - New York (100-107111) (National Rosenberg - Sobell Committee)
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- 2 - San Francisco
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEWARK (100-)
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-)
SUBJECT: CAMP WOODLAND,
CLOSTER, N.J.
IS - C

DATE: 10/23/58

Identity of Source: [REDACTED] who has furnished
reliable info in past (conceal)

Description of info: [REDACTED]

Date Received: 10/15/58

Received by: SA MORRIS W. HADDOCK (written)

Original location: [REDACTED]

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of the informant.

On 10/16/58, [REDACTED] advised that EMMA LEHMAN
resides in the Bronx, somewhere just off the Grand Concourse.

A review of the Security Index cards failed to
disclose a subject residing in the 24th Pct. area covering
the address 507 W. 111th St., NYC.

A copy of informant's report follows:

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES

DATE: OCT 24 1958

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-4931) (#7-5)

SUBJECT : CP, USA
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Identity of Source

[REDACTED] who
has furnished reliable information
in the past (conceal)

Description of Info

CP, USA Anniversary Celebration
at Carnegie Hall, 9/26/58.

Date Received

9/30/58

Received By

SA KARL ROBERT BUCKMAN (written)

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Sept 27, 1958

A 39th Anniversary celebration of the Communist Party and Ben Davis Election Rally took place in Carnegie Hall, 154 W 57 St, Friday evening, Sept 26. Admission was \$1.00. About 75 people gathered in the lobby at 7:08 and were admitted at 7:15. The program, to start at 8:00 P.M., did not begin until 8:20. All of the 990 seats in the main recital hall were filled. The first of three balconies had about 200 persons in it. The other balconies remained empty.

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1 - New York (100-107111) (COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBEL) (#7-2)
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(Total capacity of recital hall, 2,700.) Although many of the speakers, and audience wore red ties, red accessories, dresses, and some had red roses, the atmosphere was not one of jubilation. It was very somber. Even the most rousing speeches failed to bring forth more than medium applause responses. The lack of enthusiastic reactions may have been due to the fact that the night was very hot and the place was sweltering. Several women made trips up the aisle to complain about lack of air-conditioning. Both men and women mopped foreheads continuously. The two rows of persons seated on the stage were equally uncomfortable. (About 7 women and 17 men, white and colored). An usher was overheard calling it "an orderly crowd."

A short, square build man, dark hair, dark rimmed glasses opened the program without identifying himself. He said that the occasion was an opportunity for everyone to rededicate themselves to the principles for which the Party stood, and to work harder than ever toward that ideal state, the brotherhood of man -- Communism. He explained that during the 39 years many charter members and non-Communists helped promote progress of the Party. A small portion of the group was represented on the platform. He introduced quickly a James Dawson of Calif., a Sadie Vampine, Charles Durbin, Rose Barrett, a Mrs. Bessie Mitchell whose brother had been Coleman English, Willie Mc Gee's sister, Clara Lindley Shaber; Will Patterson. (Alexander Trachtenberg's name mentioned, but he was not on the platform, but seated in the front audience). Other names were mentioned too rapidly to all be retained memorywise).

The secy or chairman of the evening read aloud some telegrams of Communist Central Committees of the youths and adults of Venezuela, Peru, Colombia, of congratulations and encouragement. He said they had received many such telegrams but he would read the one from Cuba. The Cuban CP youth complained that Batista's power stemmed from intervention and support by the imperialistic powers, particularly Yankee intervention which was causing death and terror to many young people and oldsters. Nazi-like

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rousings at night, carting off relatives never to be seen again until sometimes found dead in the streets many months later; appealed to CP USA youth to help remove the cause of so much of their present sorrows and reigns of terror.

A motion was put to the audience and seconded to send a wire to Pres. Eisenhower and Dulles to withdraw all support from Batista. Also, a telegram to the Central Comm. CP of Cuba, acknowledging theirs and promising supports on all requests made.

William Albertson praised the progress of CP USA and reviewed its history. He said Communism was here to stay and was very much needed during this time to strengthen America's policy for peace and better political relationships. He said that America has a bad history of frameups; that Rodger Williams had been thrown out of Mass. for his ideas, and others had to cope with similar adverse reactions. Called for utilizing the Anniversary period as a time rededicate selves to fighting for those rights of those who have already given so much of themselves unselfishly. He said that some of N.Y. States outstanding citizens like C. C. Burlingham and Norman Thomas had called on the President to grant amnesty to Henry Winston and Gil Green, Morton Sobell, that they are eligible for parole because they have already served 1/3 of their time. He told the audience to write and send wires to grant them their freedom - grant them amnesty, as they were still victims under the Smith Act.

A motion was put to the audience and seconded to send a telegram to Pres. Eisenhower to have Morton Sobell, Henry Winston, Gil Green released.

Eugene Dennis paid tribute to Comrade Wm. Foster and wished him a speedy recovery from the stroke he suffered last year which paralyzed him. He said the 39th Anniversary Celebration comes at a time when there is an impending nuclear war, and that it was up to the CP USA to see what it could do to avert this grave threat - advised that the danger today stems

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from the aggressive policies of American imperialists like Rockefeller, Dulles and other political representatives, backed up by such people as Senator Knowland and others who share the same stand on China; and the situation grows worse daily, with actual advocacy of bombing China Mainland. He said this course of Dulles's would be catastrophic; that the negro people and others were demanding a change of China policy; that the negro people want troops removed from Asia and sent to Little Rock immediately; that there have already been far too many dangerous and criminal moves in the Far East. He said that the American people must act to influence its Gov't toward a peaceful policy and friendly relationships with China and all nations East and West, that the administration by popular demand must be compelled to withdraw its military forces to end frictions, that Chiang would never return to Mainland China, even on G.I.'s shoulders; that the American Gov't must be made to see that 6,000 Chinese liberated people seated in the U.N., would win 6,000 friends and customers for American products off production lines already decreased with unemployed women and machines.

He concluded his talk by referring to a famous quotation "My country, right or wrong"; that it was the duty of every progressive to act together to put our country right; to do this by putting an end to atomic blackmail; and Jim Crow; witchhunts; to gain new perspectives, and new political relationships; a more militant labor union, a more powerful peoples union; the unity of all workers, young and old; a democratic policy for progressives, fight for release of Gil Green, Henry Winston, Morton Sobell. He asked everyone to become fighters -- that a Communist wasn't one unless he was a fighter, and that everyone should fight for peace.

A tape recording was played -- the voice of William Z. Foster speaking on the progress of the CP USA and of its past always linked up with fighting for negro rights. He called it a glorious past which everyone could be proud of but that there was still much to do and the CP could by becoming more militant could look forward to an even greater future.

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The Sec'y of Ben Davis's Campaign Comm., Mildred Mc Adory complained against tactics used by the Democrats in Harlem in the fight to keep Ben Davis off the ballot. She said that De Sapio had been giving them trouble, that 6,000 signatures were cast aside because of illegibility or some technical requirement of registration. She said that if the petition signatures were for the Democrats, De Sapio or any other Tammany leader would declare it legal and not claim illegibility or that not all the signatures were of registered voters. To fight this, the Ben Davis Campaign Comm. plans to launch a "writein Campaign". In addition, they were bringing suit against the Harlem Board of Elections which would be heard in Foley Sq. on Tuesday. "But since there is a long record of not getting a fair deal thru the courts in matters of this kind, the Committee was taking extra special precautions of asking all to come out, ring doorbells, speak, to help them get the vote in writing in time to be verified so all who signed are duly registered and have indicated their choice of candidate by Nov. 4th election". Asked for help Sept 28th.

Ben Davis raved and ranted about Ike Eisenhower being a complete "washout" because of his encouragement of a go slow policy of integration. By his actions, snarled Davis, he gives encouragement to every KKK member and white committee; that instead of starting another war, he should put Faubus, and Eastland in jail. He said Eisenhower was unfit to be president and if he continues to act as he has he should be impeached. Complained about sending military forces elsewhere when they were needed at Little Rock so white and negro children would not be denied their schooling. Expressed fears that America might become like France which is almost Fascist.

He said Jim Crowism has got to go. He ranted about case of Jimmy Wilson in Ala. to lose life because of a \$1.95 robbery. Called for everyone to fight for peace and freedom of oppressed; failure to do so to result in peril of nuclear war, and then capitalism would go as well as Jim Crowism.

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Said that efforts had been made to break up the Party but it was too strong and never could be broken because they all would continue to fight for what they believed in and even go to jail, and this still would not break up the Party.

A resolution was proposed by the Chairman of the Program to send a wire to Pres. Eisenhower and Dulles about the go slow policy in Little Rock, and calling for immediate action.

Also, a telegram to take ships off China waters.

The chairman asked all who could give \$1 00 (to help get time on the air for Ben Davis political campaign) to raise it or a check aloft for an usher to collect it; next \$50.00; \$25.00; \$10.00; \$5.00 and finally to hold aloft one dollar bills, then coin boxes were circulated by ushers who obtained them from Fanny Hechman and Sophie (an elderly woman with hair parted in middle, gray and top knot of black and gray, very thin).

The program ended with a combination chant and reading presentation written and produced by Philip Bonosky, author of "Brother Bill Mc Kie", "Burning Valley". A colored and white gent stood at one lectern and Harold Collins and a girl at another. The readings and chants were so somber and uninteresting that almost half of the audience departed or retired to the corridors, before it ended. The content added up to "We are Communists and here to stay". Historical songs of each war as background for wailings of atrocities fight for peace and freedom, hates against the Rockefeller, Morgan, Ford, the Eisenhower and MC Arthur who mowed down the March of the Veterans at the White House, the voices of the dead and voices of the living and their sacrifices, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg.

Persons recognized

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The program ended at 11:10 P.M.

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It is believed that Sadie Vampire, mentioned in the report, is actually Sadie Van Veen Amter; that Charles Durbin is Charles Dirba; Rose Barrett is Rose Baron; and that the Sophie, mentioned in the report, is Sophie Nascimento.

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

FROM : SA MORRIS W. HADDOCK (12-0)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL
IS-C

DATE: 10/27/58

Identity of Source: [REDACTED] who has furnished
reliable info in past (conceal) b-1

Description of info: Sobell Committee Activity

Date Received: 10/16/58

Received by: SA MORRIS W. HADDOCK (written)

Original located: [REDACTED] b-1

Utmost care must be used in handling and reporting
the following information in order to protect the identity
of the informant.

The current NY City telephone directory lists a
"C.Conn" residing at 135 Sullivan St. No first name is
given other than the initial "C."

A copy of informant's report follows:

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10/28/58

SA WILLIAM G. LINEHAN (7-6)

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reliable info in past (conceal)

Description of Info: [REDACTED]

Date Received: 10/15/58

Received By: SA WILLIAM G. LINEHAN (written)

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A copy of informant's written report follows:

1-NY 134-2869A (Inv) (7-6)

1-NY [REDACTED]

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1-NY 100-107111 (NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN SOBELL CASE) (7-1)

1-NY [REDACTED]

1-NY [REDACTED]

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1-NY 100-133594 (7-1)

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TO : SAC, NEWARK

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-133594)

SUBJECT: FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCE
IS - C

DATE: OCT 28 1958

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information in the past
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Description of Info Faculty of Social Science
affair, 9/28/58

Date Received 10/1/58

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- 1 - New York (100-135320) (INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST PARTY) (#1-3)
- 1 - New York [REDACTED]
- 1 - New York [REDACTED]

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- 1 - New York (100-107111) (COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON
SOBELL) (#1-1)

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Sept 29, 1958

The Sunday Evening Forum of the Faculty of Social Science at 8:40 P.M. Sept 28, Adelphi Hall, 74 Fifth Ave, Room 10C, featured a program of Meet The Teachers, Director - H. Aptheker - and Guest of Honor, Ben Davis, along with advance registrations for the fall term Oct 6 - Nov 21.

Harold Collins announced that the evening was to be a historical and gala one since it marked the establishment of their very own institution with a glorious future. He praised those students who had journeyed with them thru the various unsatisfactory rented places -- first in Academy Hall, 853 B'way and then Adelphi Hall. He explained that threerooms of 25 seats had been set aside at 80 E 11 St, each to be used twice each evening. He said he was willing to bet that between 25 and 30 students would be turned away for lack of signing up well in advance. Although there were 35 middle aged to elderly men and 22 of similar age groups of women present, Collins announced that only a handful had signed up for classes but that even this was a good sign that the school was in business. He noted that there were many new faces and he hoped to see them all in classes and at Sunday Forums which would be held in the same room, 10C, because of a large seating capacity.

[REDACTED] explained that full payment was required so as to guarantee some financial operating funds for the school -- that last term they lived from hand to mouth on single admissions unable to anticipate any means so got into terrible jams. He was not certain but only hopeful of good attendance -- if not apparent at once, to grow! b-7-D

Before introducing Dr. Aptheker as Director of the New Faculty of Social Science, Collins told the audience that prior to this evening, all courses had been generalized open public ones; now they would really begin to have classes of their very own. He explained that there would be a 50¢ registration fee, \$6.00 for

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1 - New York [REDACTED]

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a 7 week course, and 25 courses to choose from.

Dr. Aptheker told the audience that instructors had signed up to teach but if there were no students there could be no school. He urged everyone to enroll and bring friends because more than ever before there was a great need for understanding the history of the country -- which was his profession -- and the formulation of national and foreign policy. He then launched into his talk on "Marxism and Freedom"; that scientists had the right to review their data and change it from time to time; that the world was gravitating toward Socialism and that it was the nearest state man could get to freedom. He quoted criticisms of foreign policy by Catholic and Protestant magazines; of Dulles. He ridiculed a Miss Higgins - newspaper writer -- for hanging on to the coat of Nixon and saying the man in the street was wrong. Aptheker said the man in the street was right and it was Miss Higgins who was wrong.

He said that Nixon showed his stupidity when he said - regarding letters to the State Dept - Are we to go by the mail or the evidence?

Aptheker praised Collins and Mr Hyman (white haired, red faced old gent with dark rimmed glasses, medium build and height,) who took the \$1.00 admissions, as having set up the three rooms and actually put them together at 80 E 11 St.

Next Ben Davis was introduced by Collins as N.Y. State Chairman of the Communist Party. Mr Davis said he brought greetings from the State CP, and from the National level, too. Also, if any other Party wanted to convey greetings to the school he would be open minded about it.

He spoke very softly and gently in comparison to his other speeches made elsewhere. He said the CP needed people with a knowledge of theory and that much of the trouble the Party had in the past three years was due to lack of sound knowledge of theory and of revisionists endeavoring to break away from theory. He called the new Independent Socialist Party a monstrosity that never should have been because it brought more confusion. He said it would not be the third

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Party because it did not have the working labor trade movement, nor of the colored people. He called Annette Rubinstein, Corliss La Mont, Jack Mc Manus, lying, unprincipled revisionists who were to be classed with the Trotskyites, that such people latched on to the downgrading of Stalin. He said it was important to say of Stalin that he was a great man but even he made errors; that these should not detract from the greatness of the man. Since revisionists were trying to break away from theory, it was urgent for the school in NYC and elsewhere in the country to teach solid theory; that the CP intended to root itself in labor because the colored people were not yet ready to give up their Democratic ties. (He said the colored people would vote for Harriman as lesser of three evil millionaires, and do everything possible to stop Rockefeller). He said the CP would establish itself in the roots of labor inside and out and inside and out of the Democratic Party in order to give guidance toward formation of colored peoples own party which had to come in time; that this would be done with help of Puerto Rican people. He complained that the electoral system was wrong and had to be corrected. He ended on a note of confidence that the school would be a strong factor toward a glorious future for the CP in helping this country toward Socialism. He said that science was becoming more of an intimate part of the lives of every citizen, that the party was able to help man thru science to attain rule over his own destiny. He complained of the U.S. nuclear tests and that Russia stopped them because of danger to unborn lives. Said that few people know that all the tea has to be screened because of U.S. nuclear activities. Concluded talk predicting great success of the school.

Collins closed the Forum without question and answer period, at 11:05. He said that Philip Foner would be the next Sun. Nite Forum Speaker; that Foner, author of Mark Twain, Social Critic, had to go away so could not instruct any classes until his return in January. Collins also mentioned having interval of things going on in the month of December between end of classes the week before Thanksgiving and January new classes.

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[REDACTED] It was noticed that childrens books
appeared on the table for the first time (Soviet childrens
Library - i.e. Three Little Bears) [REDACTED] b-7-D

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A student, elderly woman, was observed selling another student
two 50¢ chances (Bronx Sobell Committee) on appliqued table
cloth. [REDACTED]
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

FROM : SAC, [REDACTED] b7d

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[REDACTED] which he received through the mail on
10/20/58 contains an article entitled "Noted Crime
Reporter Calls For 'Agonizing Reappraisal' of
Rosenberg Case". This article states "the special
68 page issue on the FBI published 10 - 18th by
the Nation magazine contains important material
concerning the Rosenberg Case. Fred J. Cook, re-
cognized as one of the Country's leading crime
reporters, includes discussion of the case and
stresses that recent scientific developments negate
the charge that the Rosenbergs gave the secret of
the A-bomb to Russia. Describing the unreliability
of Greenglass and Gold as witnesses, he exposes the
farce of their attempt to tell Senate investigators
that the secret of the satellite was also stolen.

"The Russian scientific success' Mr.
Cook writes, 'the obvious readiness of Gold and

- 3 - BUREAU (REGISTERED MAIL)
- ① - NEW YORK (100-107111) (REGISTERED MAIL)
- 4 - [REDACTED]

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Greenglass to tell Senate investigators something the investigators wanted to hear, both suggest the necessity for some agonizing reappraisals of the Rosenberg case.'

"Further developing the point about Soviet developments of science, Mr. Cook concludes: 'In the light of such developments, one must wonder whether the Rosenbergs, whatever else they did, actually committed the crime for which they were executed.'"

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SA ARTHUR J. GREENE, JR. (7-3)

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IS - SWP

Identity of Source:

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Description of Info:

Mimeographed announcement dated
10/20/58 re Militant Fund Drive,
ISP Campaign, and SWP Sunday
Night Forums

Date received:

10/29/58

Received by:

SA ARTHUR J. GREENE, JR.

Original located:

Attachment in NY 100-97078

The above letter, signed by DICK GARZA, in addition
to setting forth the current status of "The Militant" fund drive
and subscription drive, sets forth that the fall series of
Sunday night forums opens October 26th with GEORGE LAVAN speaki
on "Little Rock and Desegregation." Also on this date, JIM
LAMERECHE, YSA Chairman, is set forth as a speaker on a report
entitled "Student March on Washington."

The above letter also makes note of ISP activities in
the form of street meetings as follows:

1 - [REDACTED] (7-3)
1 - NY 100-135320 (ISP) (7-3)
1 - NY 100-107111 (COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL) (7-3)
1 - [REDACTED] (7-3)
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1 - NY 100-97078 (7-3)

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October 22, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., 38th St.
and 7th Ave.;

October 25, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., 7th Ave.
and 125th St.;

October 22, 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., Delancey
and Clinton St.;

October 24, 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., 8th St.
and 6th Ave., NYC,

The above letter also mentions a social being held
by the Sobell Committee October 25th at "the Weissmans",
325 East 17th St."

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK
ATTN: SUPR. 7-1

DATE: November 5/1 958

FROM : SA ROBERT A. MAFFEI (100-107111)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR
MORTON SOBELL
SM-C

MARGARET A. SCHELLER, a student Minister in the Methodist Church at Brooklyn College, who resides at 730 E. 88th St., Bklyn, NY appeared at NYO this date and furnished the following information.

She is assistant to the Pastor, REV. FREDERICK D. SUMMERS, at the New Lots Reformed Church, 610 New Lots Ave., Bklyn. On 11/4/58 one PHILIP HALPERN, 847 Livonia Ave., Bklyn., EV 5-0689 and Mrs FNU SCHWARTZ called on the REV. SUMMERS and asked him to sign a petition to the President of the United States asking him to ask the Attorney General to consent to a new trial for MORTON ~~SOBELL~~ SOBELL. The typewritten names of judges, lawyers, ministers, rabbis, educators, writers and "other eminent signers".

MISS SCHELLER furnished the above petition together with the below listed and attached material which HALPERN and SCHWARTZ gave the pastor:

- 1 Booklet entitled "United States of America v. MORTON SOBELL"
- 2 Article reprinted from "The Nation" entitled "The SOBELL Case" by STEPHEN LOVE.
- 3 Article reprinted from "THE WESTERN POLITICAL QUARTERLY", which contained a review of the JUDGEMENT OF JULIUS AND ETHEL ROSENBERG by JOHN WEXLEY
- 4 An article or booklet entitled "ATON SCIENTIST DR. HAROLD C. UREY ASKS FOR JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL."

MISS SCHELLER was referred to public source material for information relating to organizations. She stated that REV. SUMMERS had no wish to become involved with organizations, communist in nature, and for this reason instructed her to bring attached material to the FBI.

*Exhibits #1 thru 4 are
duplicates and have
been destroyed 11/10/58
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SAC (100-25530)

November 5, 1958

SA JOHN J. FOARDE, JR.

CHICAGO SOBELL COMMITTEE
IS - C

b7c On 10/7/58, [REDACTED] b7d who has furnished reliable information in the past, personally furnished to the writer a handwritten report containing the [REDACTED] the bank account of captioned organization for the month of September, 1958. This account is maintained at the Amalgamated Trust and Savings Bank, 111 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Use of this information in reports should be accompanied by the statement that the information cannot be made public except in the usual proceedings following issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

Report is filed in [REDACTED] b7d b-7-D

The report, as it relates to captioned organization is set forth as follows:

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Checks</u> | <u>Deposits</u> | <u>Balance</u> |
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| 30 | | 41.00 | 257.38 |
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2-New York (RM)
(100-10711 (COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR
MORTON SOBELL))

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| <u>Amount</u> | <u>Payee</u> | <u>Cleared Through</u> |
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| 65.00 | HAVEN PERKINS | So. East National - Chicago |
| 150.00 | Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL | Corn Exchange - New York |
| 5114 | Great Northern Property | American Natl. - Chicago |
| 25.00 | HAVEN PERKINS | So. East National - Chicago |
| 11.41 | Illinois Bell | First National - Chicago |
| 1.25 | Service Charge | |

OFFICE MEMORANDUM ***** UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC (100-25530)

FROM : SA RICHARD F. HOMAN

SUBJECT: CHICAGO SOBELL COMMITTEE
IS - C

DATE: 11/6/58

[REDACTED]

The material furnished by [REDACTED]
is maintained in Chicago file 100-25530-1B2(352).

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[REDACTED] the radio debate
between ROY COHEN and MALCOLM SHARP relating to
the ROSENBERG-SOBELL case will be heard.

[REDACTED]

① - New York (RM) (100-) (NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE)

8 - Chicago

1 - [REDACTED]
1 - [REDACTED]
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SAC, NEW YORK (100-118748)

NOV 7 1958

SA JOSEPH P. DUFFLEY (#33)

IS - R

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Source

Reliability

Dates of Activity

Dates Received

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Who has furnished reliable
information in the past,

10/22, 23, 30/58

10/22, 23, 30/58

10/22/58

(Independent Socialist Party) (#413)

(National Committee to Secure Justice for
ROBERTO SORELLO) (#413)

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It is noted that literature distributed at the door was the June, 1958, issue of "WHAT JUSTICE SHALL BE DONE" a newspaper to secure justice in the case of MORTON SOBELL, published by the National Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL.

SROBACH entered the auditorium of Palm Garden at 8:30PM at which time the audience sang "Solidarity Forever" and the meeting of the Independent-Socialist party began.

"The New York Times", October 31, 1958, page 20, carried an article which stated that JOHN F. MC MANUS, Independent-Socialist party candidate for Governor, spoke at the party's final campaign rally on 10/30/58, at Palm Garden, 306 W. 52nd St., NYC.

[REDACTED]

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

11-10-58

SAC, ALBANY (100-13260)

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL

IS-C

OO: NEW YORK

Re Albany letter to Bureau 9-10-58.

Concerning efforts to broaden coverage of above organization through the Syracuse Sobell Committee, 1009 Cumberland Avenue, Syracuse, New York, which is the active branch of subject organization in this division, the following has been accomplished since referenced letter was submitted.

Background investigations on three persons who are being considered for development as Panel Sources are in the process of being completed. It is anticipated these investigations will be completed in the near future and Bureau authorization obtained for contacting these individuals as Potential Panel Sources.

No activity has been reported by informants concerning this organization during the past 60 days. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] have been in close contact during this [REDACTED]

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No progress has been made toward the development of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] as regular informants in this organization due to the lack of activity of this organization. Efforts to develop these informants will continue. [REDACTED]

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Bureau will be kept advised of all steps taken to broaden the coverage of subject organization.

CC: 2-Bureau (100-387835) (RM)
1-New York (RM)
1-Albany (100-13260)

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SAC, LOS ANGELES

11/12/58

SAC, NEW YORK (100-97078)(413)

SWP, NY LOCAL
IS - SWP

Identity of source

[REDACTED] who has furnished
reliable information in past
(conceal)

Description of info

SWP letter dated 10/20/58

Received

10/23/58

Received by

SA GEORGE P. MAXTRON, JR.

Original location

NY 100-97078-2091

[REDACTED] furnished a mimeographed copy of a letter
received in the mail from SWP Headquarters, 116 University
Place, NYC, which is being set forth as follows:

- 1 - Los Angeles (100-13735)(SWP)(Info)(RM)
- 1 - [REDACTED]
- 1 - [REDACTED]
- 1 - [REDACTED]
- 1 - NY 100-135320 (ISP)(413)
- 1 - NY 100-107111 (National Committee to Secure Justice in Sobell
Case)(411)
- 1 - NY [REDACTED]
- 1 - NY 100-97078 (413)

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[Signature]

NY 100-97070

October 20, 1958

Dear Friend,

FUND DRIVE

A successful opening celebration of the 30th anniversary of the Militant netted \$162.45 for the fund campaign in New York. This brought the local's status to:

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| Should be paid in | \$1755.00 or 40% |
| Payments to date | 1178.00 or 26% |
| Behind..... | 577.00 or 14% |

Attendance at the affair was counted at over 125.

A full report will be made at the Branch Meeting, Thurs., Oct. 23.

SUB DRIVE

The last report on the sub drive in the Militant showed that New York was in the lead. However Los Angeles has doubled our figure by accepting a quota of 300 subs. We're going to have to hustle some to demonstrate that New York is still on the map in spite of the trends about the growth of population in California.

SUNDAY NIGHT FORUMS

Our fall series of forums will open this Sunday Oct. 26 with George Lavan speaking on "Little Rock and Segregation". In addition a first hand report of the "Student March on Washington," will be made by YSA chairman, Jim Lorensch.

I-SP CAMPAIGN

The court victory over LeSapio has spurred the campaign activities of the I-SP in New York. In addition to a mailing of 100,000 for which help is desperately needed at 799 E'way, 200,000 leaflets are to be printed in order to try to win the 50,000 votes necessary for automatic ballot status in 1960.

NY 100-97078

Following is a list of I-SP activities in the next week.

STREET MEETINGS

The Garment Area, Wed. Oct. 22 from 11A.M. to 2 P.M. 30th St. 12th Ave.; Harlem, Saturday Oct. 25 from 1 P.M. to 4 P.M. at 7th Ave. & 125th St. near the Hotel Theresa.; LOWER MANHATTAN Wed. Oct. 22, 8 P.M. to 10 P.M. at Delancey & Clinton.; and Friday Oct. 24, 8 P.M. to 10 P.M. at 8th St. & 8th Ave.

SOBELL SOCIAL

On Saturday Oct. 25 the Sobell Committee is holding a Halloween social at the Weissman's, 325 E. 17th St. Begins at 8:30 P.M. Contribution.

Fraternally,

/s/ Dick Garza

Dick Garza

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-82157)

11/12/58

SA MORRIS W. HADDOCK (42)

BELLA HALEBSKY
SM-C

Identity of Source

[REDACTED] who has furnished
reliable information in the
past (conceal)

Description of
Info

Concerning [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] at the Sobell
Committee

Date Received

11/6/58

Received by

SA MORRIS W. HADDOCK (orally)

Original Located

[REDACTED]

Care must be used in handling and reporting the
following information to protect the identity of the
informant.

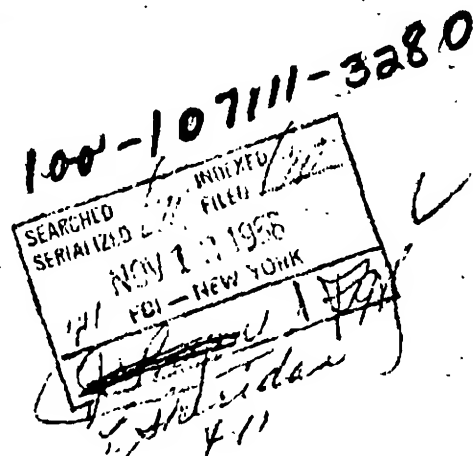
A copy of informant's oral report follows:

Information received from the informant as set
forth above was transcribed by SA HADDOCK, and authenticated
by informant on 11/6/58.

1 - [REDACTED]
1 - NY (100-107111) (NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR
MORTON SOBELL) (411) b-7-c-d

1 - NY [REDACTED]

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEWARK (100-24975) DATE: 11/12/58
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-132164)
SUBJECT : LOUIS ANTHONY FISCHER
SM-C

Identity of Source: [REDACTED] who has
furnished reliable info in
past (protect-request)
Description of info: 39th Anniversary Celebration
of the CP, USA
Date Received: 11/7/58
Received by: SA MORRIS W. HADDOCK (written)
Original location: [REDACTED] b-2-d

Re NY Memo to Newark dated 10/14/58, captioned as
above. A copy of this memorandum was designated for each
of the files receiving a copy of the instant memorandum.

2-Newark (100-24975) (RM)
1-New York [REDACTED]
1-New York [REDACTED]
1-New York [REDACTED]
1-New York [REDACTED]
1-New York (100-107111) (NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL) (411)
1-New York (100-1331) (CP, USA) (415)
1-New York [REDACTED]
1-New York [REDACTED]
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1-New York [REDACTED]
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NY 100-132164

A copy of informant's report follows:

November 7, 1958

Regarding my report of September 28, 1958 concerning the 39th Anniversary Celebration of the Communist Party at Carnegie Hall, NYC on Saturday, September 27, 1958.

I was mistaken concerning the date of this celebration the correct date was Friday September 26, 1958.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-64016)(411)
FROM : SA DAVID RYAN (41)
SUBJECT: "GERMAN AMERICAN"
IS - P & GE

DATE: 11/13/58

Identity of source

[REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in past (conceal)

Description of info

Info re "The German-American"

Date received

10/31/58

Received by

SA DAVID RYAN (oral)

Original location

[REDACTED]

Utmost care must be used in handling and reporting the following information in order to protect the identity of the informant.

Information received from informant, as set forth above, was dictated by SA RYAN to MARGUERITE F. DEVINE on 10/31/58, transcribed on 11/3/58, and authenticated by informant on 11/6/58.

A copy of informant's report follows:

- 1 - [REDACTED]
- 1 - NY 100-81675 (CP, USA, Pamphlets & Publications)(415)
- 1 - NY 100-128813 (CP, NYD, Pamphlets & Publications)(416)
- 1 - NY 100-128816 (CP, NYD, National Groups)(416)
- 1 - NY [REDACTED]
- 1 - NY 100-128819 (CP, NYD, International Relations)(416)
- 1 - NY [REDACTED]
- 1 - NY [REDACTED]
- 1 - NY [REDACTED]
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- 1 - NY [REDACTED]
- 1 - NY 100-107111 (SOBELL COMMITTEE)(411)
- 1 - NY 100-64016 (411)

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NY 100-64016

October 31, 1958

The German-American, Incorporated, which is the title under which the publication "The German-American" is published, is located at 130 East 16th Street, New York City, in a third floor back room. It is noted that this building is also shared by other foreign language publications.

This German language Communist publication is operated by a committee of individuals. The committee, which is sometimes referred to as the Activities Committee, also plans social functions to raise funds in behalf of "The German-American."

The leading individuals associated with "The German-American" are:

Kurt Schneider, who is the editor of the publication

Schneider is probably the most influential person connected with the publication and he does the writing and editorial work for the newspaper. Schneider also receives all the mail directed to the newspaper which mail is received from Post Office Box 214, Cooper Station, New York City. "The German-American" receives communications and literature from the East German Democratic Republic (Russian Occupied Zone of Germany) through this Post Office box.

[REDACTED] b7d

[REDACTED] b7d

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It is my personal knowledge that "The German-American" is a Communist, German language newspaper which primarily publishes propaganda of a Communist nature which originates from East Germany. It is also my knowledge that all the people actively associated with "The German-American" are either Communists or very closely associated with the Communist Party. I also know that "The German-American" is well known to Communist Party leaders and members. In my opinion the "German-American" represents the German Group of the Communist Party.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

DATE: 11/13/58

FROM : SA WILLIAM G. LINEHAN

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL
IS-C

On 10/23/58, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished SA WILLIAM G. LINEHAN with the following flyer which he had received by mail:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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This flyer is maintained as an exhibit in NY 100-107111-1B931.

1-New York [REDACTED]
1-New York [REDACTED]
1-New York (100-107111)

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM ** UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (100-25530)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
IN THE ROSENBERG CASE
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INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

DATE: 11-13-58

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Re Minneapolis letter April 28, 1955 to Chicago
in captioned matter wherein Chicago was requested to advise
New York should [REDACTED] become available to testify.

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- 3 - Bureau (RM)
 - 1 - 100-373093
- (2) New York (100-107111) (RM)
- 2 - Minneapolis (100-8894) (RM)
- 2 - Chicago
 - 1 - [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

As hereinafter set forth in the background data relating to former [REDACTED] it is believed he would probably make a good witness. However, it is Chicago's observation that the Governmental attorney concerned should in each instance, and prior to putting [REDACTED] on the stand, go over the testimony expected of him and caution him against any impromptu elaboration in the rendering of his testimony.

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In view of the discontinuance of [REDACTED] and his availability for testimony, the data herein set forth is being furnished the Bureau, New York and Minneapolis, per the request of the latter office, and likewise in accordance with the instructions contained in the Manual of Instructions. b-7-D

Pertinent background information of interest regarding this informant is as follows:

SAC, New York (100-107111)

November 14, 1958

Director, FBI (100-387835)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL
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Each office receiving this communication should immediately institute a continuing investigation to determine through confidential informants and sources, affording coverage or having knowledge of the activities of captioned organization, the identities of the representatives selected by Sobell Committees operating in respective field offices. Information developed regarding representatives of other field offices should, of course, be made available to the interested office. [REDACTED] should maintain close contact with [REDACTED] to facilitate the development of identities of other national committeemen as well as the contemplated program and meetings of this committee.

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Each office advise by November 28, 1958, of all pertinent information developed and each 15 days thereafter until the delegates become known or information is developed that no delegate is to be selected from a particular office.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York (100-107111)

DATE: November 14, 1958

FROM : Director, FBI (100-387835)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
 FOR MORTON SOBELL
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100-387835

Date: November 14, 1953

To: Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence
Department of the Army
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Chief, Security Division

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL
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INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

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The SNF has been designated by the Attorney General pursuant to the provisions of Executive Order 10450.

Additional data of a pertinent nature will be furnished upon receipt.

- 2 - Chicago (100-25530)
- 2 - Minneapolis (100-8894)
- ② - New York (100-107111)

ATTENTION SACS, CHICAGO, MINNEAPOLIS AND NEW YORK;
SEE NOTE ON PAGE TWO.

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**Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence
Department of the Army**

1 - Director of Naval Intelligence

**1 - Office of Special Investigations
Air Force**

NOTE FOR SACs, CHICAGO, MINNEAPOLIS AND NEW YORK:

Advise the Bureau by 11-28-58 of any additional data concerning the above matter and the forthcoming article regarding Morton Sobell scheduled to appear in a future issue of "The Nation." Background information concerning "The Nation" and Fred J. Cook was furnished you in SAC Letter 58-65 (A). Each office should remain alert for any information relating to this matter. Keep the Bureau advised.

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11/17/58

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (100-25530)

SUBJECT: CHICAGO SOBELL COMMITTEE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

CINAL

On 11/14/58 [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished SA J. WAYNE PARRISH with a copy of a letter on the letterhead of the captioned organization addressed to [REDACTED]

This letter makes reference to the "... special 68 page issue of the 'Nation' magazine devoted exclusively to an objective study of the FBI", which the committee had planned

4- Bureau (REGISTERED)

1- 100-3-95 (CP Attacks Against the FBI)

③ 3- New York (REGISTERED)

1- 100- (National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case)
1- 100- (The "Nation")

1- [REDACTED]

4- Chicago

1- 100-22207 (CINAL)

1- [REDACTED]

1- 100-21957 (CP Attacks Against the FBI)

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to include with the letter, but because the committee's order had not been filled, "the magazine will follow later." The letter then states as follows:

"We know that this objective study, 'THE FBI', will be of interest to you as will the important material it contains concerning the Rosenberg case. (p.273, 274, 275.) Fred J. Cook, recognized as one of the country's leading crime reporters, includes discussion of the case and stresses that recent scientific developments negate the charge that the Rosenbergs gave the secret of the A-bomb to Russia. Describing the unreliability of Greenglass and Gold as witnesses, he exposes the farce of their attempt to tell Senate investigators that the secret of the satellite was also stolen.

"The Russian scientific success,' Mr. Cook writes, 'the obvious readiness of Gold and Greenglass to tell Senate investigators something the investigators wanted to hear, both suggest the necessity for some agonizing reappraisals of the Rosenberg case.' Further developing the point about Soviet developments of science, Mr. Cook concludes: 'In the light of such developments, one must wonder whether the Rosenbergs, whatever else they did, actually committed the crime for which they were executed.'..."

The foregoing is furnished for the information of the Bureau.

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FILE # 100-107111

SUBJECT ROSENBERG/SOBELL COMMITTEE

SERIAL 3289A DATE 11/17/58

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The American Embassy
Rome, Italy

Date: November 17, 1958
To: Director, FBI (100-387835)
From: Legat, Rome (100-224)
Subject: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Rebulet to London, dated March 27, 1956,
and Bulet to Assistant Attorney General WILLIAM F.
TOMPKINS, dated March 5, 1956, which letters indi-
cate that one GLORIA AGRIN was to travel through
European countries including Italy.

[REDACTED]

The Bureau is requested to advise if activ-
ities of this individual are still of interest.

Enclosures (5)

2 cc - Legat, Paris (sent direct)

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

FROM : SA CLIFFORD Q. SINNING (415)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE AMNESTY
FOR MORTON SOBELL
IS - C

DATE: 11/20/58

"The Worker", issue of 11/18/58, announces the following events:

On Pg. 15, an announcement that "The Bronx Sobell Committee" presents EARL ROBINSON at their New Years Eve Party at the Allerton Center, 683 Allerton Avenue, Bronx, NY. Subscription \$5.00 per couple. For tickets in Manhattan call AL 4-9983; in the Bronx, TR 8-0471.

1 - ASAC N. H. MC CABE
1 - Supv. W. T. MARCHESSAULT (41)
1 - Supv. T. S. MILLER (42)
1 - Resident Agency Babylon
1 - " " Kingston
1 - " " Manola
1 - " " Poughkeepsie
1 - " " Staten Island
1 - " " Suffern
1 - " " White Plains
1 - New York (97-109-D) (Publishers New Press) (415)
1 - New York (100-10649-) (Freedom of the Press) (411)
1 - New York [REDACTED]
1 - New York (100-45083-C-40) (CPUSA, N.Y., Bronx County) (42)
1 - New York [REDACTED]
1 - New York (100-455994) (Faculty of Social Science) (411)
1 - New York (100-24280) (Jefferson Bookshop) (411)
1 - New York (100-110800) (Book World) (422)
① - New York (100-107111)

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On Page 14, an announcement of a "send-off" celebration for GEORGE MORRIS, who is leaving soon on a trip to the Socialist countries, sponsored by the Labor Press Committee, and scheduled to be held on Saturday, November 29, 1958, at 8:00 PM, at Yugoslav Hall, 403 W. 41st Street, NY, NY. Tickets cost \$1.50 and are available at Faculty of Social Science, 30 E. 11th St.; Jefferson Bookshop, 100 E. 16th St., "The Worker", 23 W. 26th St., and Bockfair, 74 Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn, NY (probably Bookworld, 714 Flatbush Avenue).

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SAC (100-107111) (411)

DATE: 11/25/58

SA GEORGE EDWIN JONES, 411

BCT: SOBELL COMMITTEE,
IS-C.

NATIONAL GUARDIAN, issue of November 24, 1958, page 11,
contains the following announcement:

"The Bronx Sobell Committee presents
EARL ROBINSON at their NEW YEAR's
EVE PARTY, Allerton Center, 683 Al-
lerton Av., Bronx. For Tickets phone
(Manhattan) AL 4-9983, (Bronx) TR 8-
6471. Subscription: \$5 couple."

- 1 - ASAC NH McCABE, DIV. IV
- 1 - SUP. WARREN MARCHESSAULT, #41
- 1 - SUP. T. S. MILLER, #42
- 1 - RA WHITE PLAINS
- 1 - RA SUFFERN
- 1 - RA KINGSTON
- 1 - RA MINEOLA
- 1 - RA POUGHKEEPSIE
- 1 - RA BABYLON
- 1 - RA STATEN ISLAND
- 1 - 100-93572-Sub A (411)

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

FROM: SAC, ALBANY (100-13260)

RE: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL
IS-C (CINAL)

(OO: New York)

[REDACTED] b7D
[REDACTED] YURI SUHL of Newark, N.J., or New York, N.Y., would
speak at meeting of Syracuse Sobell Committee to be held
11/30/58, 1009 Cumberland Ave., Syracuse [REDACTED] b7-D
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] b7-D

Copies being furnished for info New York, and
Newark.

CC: 3-Bureau (100-387835) (RM)
1-New York (100-107111) (Info) (RM)
1-Newark (Info) (RM)
1-Albany
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1-Albany (100-13260)

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Director, FBI (100-387835)

November 25, 1958

SAC, Milwaukee (100-11982)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL
IS - C
ISA OF 1950

ReBulet to SAC, New York dated November 14, 1958 requesting
that the individual selected to represent Sobell Committees
operating in respective field offices be identified.

[REDACTED] b-7-D

- 2 - Bureau (100-387835) (Registered Mail)
- 1 - New York (100-107111) (Info) (Registered Mail)
- 1 - Milwaukee (100-11982)

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Director, FBI (100-387835)

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SAC, San Francisco (100-35117)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL
IS - C; ISA, 1950

ReBulet 11/14/58.

This is to advise that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] We stated that he will immediately notify the San Francisco Office when and if such an appointment is made.

[REDACTED] has requested that his identity be kept confidential. b-7-D

- 2 - Bureau (REG)
- 1 - Los Angeles (100-41648)(Info)(REG)
- 1 - New York (100-107111)(REG)
- 2 - San Francisco

[REDACTED]
(100-35117)

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

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SAC, SEATTLE (100-22197)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MOTRON SOBELL
INTERNAL SECURITY - C;
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

ReBulet to New York dated November 14, 1958.

To date no pertinent information has been developed
in the State of Washington relative to the selection of
a delegate to the National Sobell Committee.

Bureau to be again advised by December 13, 1958
of status in this matter.

2 - Bureau (AM) (REG)
① - New York (100-107111) (REG)
1 - Seattle
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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387885)

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SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (100-8894)

MINNESOTA COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL
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Reference Bureau letter to New York dated
11/14/58 captioned National Committee to Secure Justice
for Morton Sobell.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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The Minneapolis Office will alert its sources
for any further information concerning the proposed
forthcoming publication regarding MORTON SOBELL in "The
Nation" and will immediately forward any concrete information
of this nature to the Bureau.

- 2 - Bureau (RM)
 - 2 - New York (RM)
 - 1 - Minneapolis
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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

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SAC, SAN DIEGO (100-9380)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO
SECURE JUSTICE FOR
MORTON SOBELL;
IS - C; ISA OF 1950
OO: NY

11/21/58. Rebutlet to NY, 11/14/58 and LA let to Bureau,

Security informants [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] have been contacted to determine if they have knowledge of the activities of the San Diego Sobell Committee (SDSC) an adjunct of the CSJMS, and the identity of the individual designated by the organization as a representative on the National Sobell Committee. Informants have no current knowledge of SDSC affairs.

MILTON LESSNER, 4928 Vista Place, San Diego, has been the leader of the SDSC and has been identified as Chairman. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] b-1

Informants in the San Diego Division have been alerted for any SDSC activity.

- 2 - Director, FBI (AM REGISTERED)
- 2 - Los Angeles (100-41648)(REGISTERED)
- ① - New York (100-107111)(AM REGISTERED)
- 1 - San Diego

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SUBJECT ROSENBERG/SOBELL COMMITTEE

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

11/28/58

SAC, PORTLAND (100-9004)

**NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950**

Re Bureau letter 11/14/58. Also reference reports of SA WILLIAM S. BROWN, Portland, dated 2/20/57 and 3/13/58, and Portland letter dated 9/19/58.

These reports and letter indicate that the Sobell Committee, when it does function in the Portland area, operates as a one-man organization. Guiding light of the local committee long has been Mrs. ROSE LEOPOLD, 2033 S. E. Ash, Portland, who is regarded as chairman. Mrs. LEOPOLD has admitted that the Portland organization is a committee of one. Any activities in the past have been instituted and carried on by her and any announcements and propaganda concerning the organization have emanated from her.

In recent months, however, as referenced Portland letter sets out, there has been no indication that any activity of any kind has been promoted by the Portland committee.

In connection with the current National Committee matter, reliable confidential informants know of no information indicating that any consideration is being given to the question of Portland's representative on the National group. It is felt that any material from National Headquarters concerning the matter, if directed to Portland, would have been received by Mrs. LEOPOLD, and that if there is to be a Portland representative on the National Committee, she would consider herself as such.

2-Bureau
2-New York (100-107111)
2-Portland

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Any information received either verifying or contradicting the above will be forwarded to the Bureau immediately.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

11/28/58

SAC, WFO (100-25474)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL, aka
IS - C; ISA of 1950
(OO: NY)

ReBulet, 11/14/58, concerning the designation of one local group on the National Sobell Committee. Bulet instructed that the identity of the individual selected from the Washington, D. C., area be determined and Bureau and appropriate offices be advised.

It is to be noted that on 11/23/58, [REDACTED] b-2 advised that HELEN SOBELL would be visiting Washington, D. C., in "a couple of days."

It is contemplated that information concerning the person selected from the Washington, D. C., area for the National Sobell Committee will be obtained during HELEN SOBELL's visit to Washington and that her visit will be adequately covered by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] b-2

WFO has alerted [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] concerning the above matter. No information has been received. b-7-D

Trash covers are maintained on the residences of SYLVIA BERNSTEIN and ETHEL WEICHBROD, local leaders of the Sobell Committee. No information has been received from these sources concerning the above.

Bureau and appropriate offices will be immediately advised of positive information received concerning the above matter. Bureau will also be advised every 15 days of the progress made in this connection. P.

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2 - New York (100-107111)(RM)
1 - WFO
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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL. IS - C.
ISA 1950.

ReBulet 11/14/58 to Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence,
Department of the Army, Washington, D. C., captioned as above, which
advised that [REDACTED]

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No info has been developed by informants of the NYO in this matter.

POSTER

- 3 - Bureau (100-387835)
- 1 - New York (100-107111)
- 1 - Supervisor B. J. Connell, 411

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11/28/58


AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

**NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL. IS - C.
ISA 1950.**

Reyourlet 11/14/58 to SAC New York, captioned as above, which requested notification as to the identities of the persons selected by local SOBELL committees to represent that local committee on the National Sobell Committee.



Bureau will be advised as soon as the info is developed concerning the local delegates.

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- 3 - Bureau (100-387835) (RM)
- 1 - New York (100-107111)
- 1 - Supervisor B. J. Connell, 411

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11/28/58

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (100-25530)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL
IS - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

ReBulet to New York dated 11/14/58.

Re letter indicates that the National Sobell Office has requested that supporters in each area where the Sobell Committee is active select a local Sobell member for membership on the National Sobell Committee, which committee will then select an executive board.

[REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on 11/26/58 and 11/23/58, that he has no knowledge regarding a letter which the Chicago Sobell Committee might have received from the National Sobell leadership, regarding the selection of a Chicago Sobell person to be active on the National Sobell Committee or of any activity regarding the selection of such a person at Chicago.

[REDACTED] b-7-D
[REDACTED]
Chicago will continue to advise the Bureau as instructed in re letter.

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- 3 - Bureau (RM)
- ① - New York (100-10711) (RM)
- 2 - Chicago

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

FROM : SA GEORGE P. BAXTRUM, JR. (#413)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL
IS-C

DATE 11/28/58

Source: [REDACTED] b7d
Reliability: who has furnished
reliable information
in the past
Information Furnished: Announcement of NCSJS
Date Received: 11/5/58
Received by: SA GEORGE P. BAXTRUM, JR.
Location: Attachment in 100-107111

[REDACTED] furnished, as set forth above,
material received in the mail from SWP Headquarters,
116 University Place, NYC. The material contained
an appeal from the Sobell Committee setting forth
his innocence and requesting assistance in freeing
him from jail.

① -NY 100-107111 (413) b7d

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I AM INNOCENT

Morton Sobell

WHAT DOES JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL MEAN TO YOU?

To these individuals who signed the Appeal to the President for clemency or a new trial for Morton Sobell, justice for Morton Sobell means a great deal:

Harold A. Crane, legal counsel United Auto Workers
John F. Finerty, attorney in Sacco-Vanzetti and Mooney-Billings case
Dr. Harold C. Urey, Nobel Prize scientist
Dr. Linus Pauling, Nobel Prize scientist
Prof. Malcolm Sharp, University of Chicago Law School
Prof. Francis D. Wormuth, University of Utah
Prof. Stephen Love, Northwestern University.

These are a few of the thousands of individuals who signed the Appeal

MORTON SOBELL, scientist, is an outstanding victim of the McCarthy era. On the word of a single witness, he was condemned to 30 years on charges of "conspiracy to commit espionage" in the trial that resulted in the execution of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg. The witness who accused Sobell was a confessed perjurer who escaped prison by his testimony. Since his arrest and throughout his 8 years of imprisonment, Morton Sobell has fought to prove his innocence.

LIKE OTHER IMPORTANT CASES OF THE PAST

Warren K. Billings, who was framed with Tom Mooney in one of America's shameful anti-labor cases, sees the importance of the Morton Sobell case. He says:

"I am a free man today for two reasons. First, I was innocent. Second, enough Americans cared about justice to work, search, investigate and pay for my freedom and that of Tom Mooney.

"Morton Sobell will be free. He is innocent, and enough Americans care about decency to set him free."

Warren Billings is now working on behalf of Morton Sobell.

Miscarriages of justice provide a climate of fear in which the civil liberties of each of us are endangered. This is why the labor movement, knowing that an injury to one is an injury to all, has always fought against frame-ups, as in the cases of Mooney, Billings, Joe Hill and Sacco and Vanzetti. This is why we ask you to act now for justice for Morton Sobell.

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

1. Find out the facts in the case of Morton Sobell and talk them over with your fellow union members.
2. Put the case of Morton Sobell on the agenda of your local meeting as other union locals have done. Ask a representative of the Sobell Committee to talk about the case.
3. Pass a resolution asking President Eisenhower to grant clemency or a new trial for Morton Sobell.

For information contact the New York Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, 940 Broadway, New York City. Contributions and volunteer help are needed.

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SUBJECT ROSENBERG/SOBELL COMMITTEE

SERIAL 3311 DATE 11/28/58

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-16)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-97078) (413)

SUBJECT: SWP - NY LOCAL
IS - SWP

DATE: 11/28/58

ReNYairtel to Bureau, 11/16/58, which summarized in part information furnished by [REDACTED] as set forth below.

Identity of source [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in past (conceal)

Description of info SWP open forum, 116 University Place, NYC, 11/14/58.

Date received 11/15/58

Received by SA GEORGE P. BAXTRUM, JR. (oral)

Original location [REDACTED]

Utmost care must be used in handling and reporting the following information in order to protect the identity of the informant.

Information received from informant, as set out above, was typed by SA BAXTRUM on 11/17/58, and authenticated by informant on 11/18/58.

A copy of informant's report follows:

2 - Bureau (100-16) (RM)

2 - Cleveland [REDACTED]

(1 - [REDACTED])

4 - Buffalo [REDACTED] b-7-c-d

(1 - [REDACTED])

(1 - [REDACTED])

(1 - [REDACTED])

1 - [REDACTED]

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1 - NY 100-107419 (ECLC) (411)

1 - NY 100-134526 (Barenblatt-Gojack Defense Committee) (411)

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November 15, 1958

An open forum was sponsored by the SWP at its headquarters, 116 University Place, NYC, on 11/14/58, which featured a speech by Elinor Ferry on the topic, "The FBI - Permanent Political Police."

Ferry attacked the FBI and its director, J. Edgar Hoover on the grounds that it was a political police force which directed its activities against left and radical groups. She claimed that Mr. Hoover had vast power because the FBI had compiled dossiers on all the top political people. Ferry said that on one occasion when President Franklin Roosevelt wanted to get rid of Mr. Hoover, Hoover presented his files on the activities of Eleanor Roosevelt and other members of the Roosevelt family and thus kept the President from taking any action against him.

Ferry claimed that most of the FBI personnel came from the South or from a Catholic background and therefore took no action in civil rights violations of colored people and liberal groups.

As an example of the power of the FBI, Ferry said that a book was published in England entitled The Scarlet Thread which was critical of the Bureau, and through the Influence of the Director, the printing plates had been destroyed.

Ferry said that the FBI always tried to take the credit when often others were responsible for solving a crime. She said the Dillinger slaying was one example and also went into the case of the German Nazi saboteurs who were landed in the United States during World War II. Ferry said one of these Germans had come to the FBI but had been shooed off when he told his story time and time again. When the saboteurs were finally captured, however, according to Ferry, the FBI took full credit.

Ferry said that she had, with some difficulty, obtained a list of the FBI informants who had testified during the Smith Act trials of 1953 and 1954. She told of the amounts of money paid to these people and claimed that many of the

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informants had been proved to be unreliable and with criminal records. Ferry went into the history of informants, saying that they had always gone along with a political police system, even since ancient Roman days. She said that the SWP and other radical organizations were indirectly giving employment to many people through the FBI informant system.

Ferry claimed that the FBI did not investigate many cases that it should, such as the Emmett Till case, bombings of Jewish temples, and other civil liberties violations.

Ferry stated further that the FBI had acted antagonistically to the O.S.S. and, in fact, always over-powered any other federal intelligence agency that might be created. She said that the fact that the FBI had dossiers on all the Senators and Representatives caused them to vote in Congress the way Mr. Hoover wanted them to.

Ferry stated that such books as "The FBI Story", and Whittaker Chambers' "Witness" were works of fiction. She said she was now doing research on a book of her own exposing the FBI which she hoped to get published. Ferry said she was sure her telephone wire was tapped and that the FBI tapped any line they wished to, although this is illegal.

During the discussion period which followed Ferry's talk, one speaker suggested that if approached by a representative of the FBI, one should "sock him." Ferry said that this would be a stupid thing to do, and another member of the audience, Harry Ring, agreed with her. George Weissman then told of when Bernie Goodman was approached by an FBI Agent and had only two words for him. He said he couldn't say the first, but the second was "you". Weissman cited the case of James Kutcher as an individual who had stood up against the FBI and had ended up by winning back his government job and all his rights, even though he admitted SWP membership.

Sonia asked Ferry if she, herself, had compiled a dossier on the Director of the FBI, as she said he maintained on other people in government. Ferry replied that on one occasion in Washington, someone made the remark that Mr. Hoover was the "queen bee", but this individual ended up by

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having his face smashed in. She said she didn't want that to happen to her, so would say no more. Some members of the audience interpreted Ferry's remark as an imputation of homosexuality, but no more was said on the subject.

George Weissman had further remarks to make on the topic of individuals approached by the FBI -- he used the expression of the FBI agents flashing their badges "Dick Tracy style". Weissman said that when George Breitman was in the Army during World War II, he was a "mild socialist" and was questioned by the FBI because of his beliefs. Breitman, according to Weissman, told the FBI simply that he thought perhaps the government would be run better if it were done by the workers. At a later date, Breitman, then a sergeant, was able to look at his service record and saw in it the FBI agent's account of his interview. Breitman said that it was a distorted version, quoting him as saying things regarding the overthrow of imperialism, etc., which he had never uttered.

In commenting on this, Ferry said that all the FBI had to do was present a piece of paper in court and whatever they felt like writing down on it was accepted as evidence.

When Ferry made the statement that all actors in the movie "The FBI Story" had to be cleared first by the FBI, Douglas Gordon commented from the audience that that meant he probably had no chance of being casted as an actor. Gordon stated further that he was active on the Sobell Committee and said that the FBI had conspired with Mexican authorities to kidnap Morton Sobell out of Mexico.

Another member of the audience, Bob Chester, said that he knew of an occasion where the FBI had stopped a woman outside her place of employment and when she did not want to talk with them, threatened her by saying, "You see what we did to the Rosenbergs."

There were about 75 people in attendance at the forum 11/14/58, among whom were the following SWP members:

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[REDACTED] In addition to the report on the FERRY speech, [REDACTED] furnished a quantity of printed material which the informant had picked up from the literature table set up at the forum held 11/14/58. In this regard, [REDACTED] commented that there was an unusually large amount of literature available, and that, even more unusual, all of it was free. The items obtained by the informant and furnished the New York Office are as follows: b-7-D

- 1) A reprint from "The Nation" of 6/23/56 dealing with the Sobell case.
- 2) The complete issue of "The Nation" dated 12/28/57, with the entire contents devoted to "The Remington Tragedy" by FRED J. COOK.
- 3) Issue of "I. F. Stone's Weekly" dated 3/3/58, with the first-page story devoted to an attack on a proposed Senate bill limiting the right to travel.
- 4) Special issue of "The Nation" dated 10/18/58, containing as its entire contents an article on the FBI by FRED J. COOK.

(The items described above are public source material and have not been made exhibits in Bureau files.)

- 5) Reprint from "San Francisco Chronicle" dated 6/30/58, protesting use of "irresponsible witnesses" in Congressional inquiries. This was issued with the compliments of the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee (ECLC).
- 6) Mimeographed reprint of the JENNER-BUTLER Bill to limit the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court as approved by the Senate Judiciary Committee 4/30/58. This was also issued with the compliments of the ECLC.
- 7) Mimeographed announcement issued by the ECLC headed "Information Concerning the House Committee on Un-American Activities, June 1957 - June 1958."

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(Items 5, 6 and 7 are being attached to copy of instant letter designated for New York file on the ECLC for consideration as to inclusion in that file.)

- 8) Pamphlet entitled "We Stand on the First" issued by the Barenblatt-Gojack Defense Fund.

(Attached to copy of instant letter designated for New York file on this organization.)

- 9) Pamphlet issued by the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell entitled "The Lord Russell Debate on the Case of Morton Sobell."
- 10) Mimeographed release issued by the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell entitled "The Sovereignty of Mexico and the Case of Morton Sobell," which was described as a reprint from a leading newspaper in Mexico City.

(Items 9 and 10 have been attached to copy of instant letter in New York file on the Sobell Committee.)

- 11) Announcement dated 2/1/58 issued by FRED and MARIE HAUG of Cleveland, Ohio, entitled "The Haugs Report on the Cleveland Taft-Hartley Conspiracy Case."

(Enclosed for information of the Cleveland Office.)

[REDACTED] was questioned by SA BAXTRUM on 11/18/58 as to the source providing the large quantity of free literature, but was unable to furnish any further information in this regard. b-7-d

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ON THE CASE OF MORTON SOBELL

*From the "Letters to the Editor" column
of the Manchester Guardian,*

INFLUENTIAL BRITISH NEWSPAPER

Lord Bertrand Russell, eminent philosopher and mathematician, initiated an international discussion on the case of Morton Sobell, when he wrote the following letter published in the Manchester Guardian on March 26, 1956:

Letters to the Editor

THE SOBELL CASE

To the Editor of the Manchester Guardian

Sir,—I am writing to enlist your support in the case of Morton Sobell, an innocent man condemned as a result of political hysteria to thirty years in gaol and at present incarcerated in Alcatraz, the worst prison in the United States. He was sentenced as an accomplice of the Rosenbergs in espionage. I am ashamed to say that at the time of the Rosenbergs' trial I did not look into the evidence. I have now done so. I am almost certain that the Rosenbergs were innocent and quite certain that the evidence against them would not have been considered adequate if prejudice had not been involved. But the Rosenbergs are dead and nothing can be done for them now except to hold up their official murderers to obloquy. Sobell, however, is alive and it is not too late for the United States Government to make some reparation to him.

The facts in his case are briefly as follows:—He had a friend named Elitcher, who had been his best man. Elitcher had stated on oath that he had never been a Communist. The F.B.I. discovered that in making this statement he had committed perjury. They let him know that he could escape punishment if he would denounce other people as accomplices in treasonable activities. He decided to save his own skin by denouncing his best friend, Sobell. While negotiations in this sense were going on between him and the F.B.I. Sobell and his wife and their two small children went to Mexico. Sobell toyed with the idea of not returning to the United States, but rejected it. His decision to return became known to the F.B.I., which had determined to present him as a fugitive from justice. In order to be still able to present him in this light, they hired thugs, who beat him into unconscious-

two children into fast cars, and drove them without stopping from Mexico City to the United States frontier. There they were handed over to an immigration officer, who falsely stamped their card of entry with the words "Deported from Mexico" although the Mexican Government had not been privy to the kidnapping and had expressed no intention of deporting them.

When Sobell was brought to trial these facts were not mentioned as his counsel considered that any criticism of the F.B.I., however justified, would only increase the severity of his sentence, his condemnation being regarded by his counsel as certain in spite of lack of evidence. The judge instructed the jury that they could not find Sobell guilty unless they believed Elitcher. Elitcher, because he was useful in this trial, has never been indicted for his acknowledged perjury and, in spite of his being known to be a perjurer, every word that he said against Sobell was believed.

People express scepticism when it is said that most Germans did not know of Nazi atrocities, but I am sure that the immense majority of Americans are quite ignorant of the atrocities committed by the F.B.I. They do not know of the standard technique of these defenders of what, with cynical effrontery, they still call "The Free World." The technique is one with which we have been made familiar in other police States such as Nazi Germany and Stalin's Russia. The police find a man whom they can prove to be guilty of some offence and they promise him immunity if he will manufacture evidence against people who could not otherwise be indicted. Perjury is especially useful as a lever because many people who have been Communist in their student days rashly hope that this can be concealed and swear that they were never Commu-



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nists. After a sufficient number of secret interviews the F.B.I. descends upon innocent people with a posse of terrified perjurers and in the general hysteria every word uttered by the perjurers is accepted as gospel truth.

I do not suppose for a moment that President Eisenhower is aware of this well-established technique. If he knew of it, he would not only feel the revulsion which all decent people must feel, but would realise that every such case which becomes known outside the United States turns hundreds of thousands of people, if not into Communists, at least towards neutralism and away from the policy of N.A.T.O. For this large reason of public policy, as well as from motives of humanity and justice, it is to be hoped that some-

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thing will be done to curb the F.B.I. A beginning might be made by the release of Morton Sobell or, at least, by ordering a new trial of his case.—
Yours &c., BERTRAND RUSSELL.
41, Queen's Road, Richmond,
Surrey.

Lord Russell's letter brought several replies. The following were Letters to the Editor THE CASE OF MORTON SOBELL

To the Editor of the Manchester Guardian

Sir.—The trial of the Rosebergs was followed closely by everyone in the United States. When the trial was concluded and the verdict delivered, there was not one faction or group or section of the public, with the exception of the Communist party, that did not believe that justice had been done.

Before we look at the "facts" of the Sobell case or discuss the "American Police State," let me mention the mission and the limitations of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Briefly, it was formed to aid the Federal Government and the separate state, municipal, and county law-enforcement agencies (when they asked for help) in bringing to justice those criminals whose activities were inter-state by nature. Further, it made available scientific aids to criminology which the local agencies could not afford. In 1940 its field included the activities of those organisations which sought to destroy the United States from within, under the same scope and limitations.

Let me point out the specific limitations on members of the F.B.I.

- (1) They have no power of arrest whatever.
- (2) Their activities are restricted to

the continental limits of the United States.

(3) They do not prosecute for the State, or hold any special position in a trial. They are called to testify as any citizen.

(4) They have no right of search.

(5) They may not initiate an investigation on their own.

They are not a police agency, but an investigating agency. I have never known a "thug" to work for them in any capacity. The agents must be, for the most part, university and law-school graduates. I have never known or heard of the F.B.I. "beating up" anybody.

But the "facts" of the recent letter not only implicate the F.B.I., but also the United States Bureau of Immigration, the Mexican Government, and the Federal Court System, who were in a vast conspiracy to thwart justice. I suggest that we submit the "facts" of the case to the observations above, and that we ask where the correspondent gained these "facts." The concluding half of the letter to which I refer does not justify any acknowledgment. Anyone who compares Nazi Germany and Communist Russia with the United States will not be dissuaded by a simple letter.—Yours &c.,

WADE N. MACK.

St Catherine's Society, Oxford.

To the Editor of the Manchester Guardian

Sir.—I was absolutely astounded to read, somewhat belatedly, the letter on March 26 from Lord Russell. Is it possible that such a thing could have been written by that great man? Surely with so much in this world which unhappily fails to meet his high philosophical standards he could find something better than the case of Morton Sobell for his crusading pen.

In any case he could do a better job of presenting his arguments. What, pray, does he use as a base for his purely emotional claim that Alcatraz is the "worst" prison in America? Personal experience? In actual fact Alcatraz is the "worst" prison in America solely from the standpoint of the prisoner who wishes to escape. I suggest to him that he makes a comparative tour of prisons both here and in America before he attempts to enlist support for a convicted criminal.

From this shameful beginning—for so acute a mind—Lord Russell goes on to quote facts which, so far as I am aware, have never reached public notice. Yet apparently he has some secret source of knowledge which he does not feel pressed to reveal. Where, for example, does he find the story that

Note: All letters are reproduced as they appeared in The Manchester Guardian.

To the Editor of the Manchester Guardian

Sir.—It is perhaps presumptuous for a young American to challenge an aged and eminent man like Lord Russell. But surely he himself would admit, on reflection, not only that the language of his letter published by you on March 26 was intemperate, but also that he had overstated his case. I think, with all due deference to his justly earned reputation, that he has done more than that. I think that his letter represents McCarthyism in reverse.

First, as to the Sobell-Rosenberg case itself. I frankly admit that I have not read the entire record, as Lord Russell says he has. But I have followed the case closely and discussed it with lawyers of various political persuasions. None would agree that "official murder" had been committed, nor can it be claimed that Sobell was convicted on the evidence of Elchier alone. That the sentences given in this case were harsh, not that the verdicts were wrong, is the utmost that I think informed non-Communist liberals in America would admit.

Secondly, as to the rôle of the F.B.I.

blanket indictment of the "well-established technique" very similar to "Nazi atrocities." I question the accuracy of the first and absolutely deny the phantasmagoria of the second. The F.B.I. has been justly criticised on occasion, like all security services, but to compare it with the agents of "other police States" is simply fantastic, and a charge which furthermore, by implication, asserts that the Supreme Court and the Presidents and officials of both Democratic and Republican Administrations have been false to their oaths to uphold the Constitution. This charge I flatly reject, even when Lord Russell palliates President Eisenhower's guilt by making it guilt by ignorance.

Lastly, as to the effect of the letter which you published. I cannot imagine that Lord Russell seriously believes that such a shrill and distorted protest can serve any useful purpose as far as Sobell is concerned. His letter can only please those who welcome Anglo-American discord.—Yours &c.,

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Angeles.

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Additional letters in
statement on the Sobell case

To the Editor of the Manchester Guardian

Sir.—The reactions of my countrymen to Lord Russell's letter on Morton Sobell is alarming: than the actual content of that letter. Such over-righteous nation comports ill with pride in its capacity for self-criticism. Some of your correspondent's criticism of the F.B.I., unfounded, must be mere American, must be the result

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beaten in Mexico and the United States? Who at the defence counsel not to present the story? And how does he be an authority on the he F.B.I.?

Among my friends a number of young men who are agents for the Federal investigation and I can after fifteen years of experience that Lord Russell's are not only without foundation on the hysterical, is that a man of his accomplishment produce a letter full of claims and opinions and a demand action—his sort from readers who have to go on than his reputation of his hortatory I suggest that he re-facts, review his paucity of the case, reconsider fervour, restrain his and rewrite his letter.

ROBERT H. ROSE.
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it inconceivable to associate with Lord Russell; though his letter surprised me, it was clear that the appropriate response was to inquire further, seek more information from Lord Russell (such as he supplied in his second letter), and weigh his charges as objectively as possible. Your correspondents merely piped shrill polemics, old stories about fine young F.B.I. agents they have known, and even tried to discredit Lord Russell's claim to ad hominem remarks which were

Lord Russell replied:

To the Editor of the Manchester Guardian
Sir,—The letter from Professor Perkins which appeared in your issue of March 31 demands an answer. It is possible to read through the whole of the official report of the judicial proceedings in the Sobell case without learning many of the most important facts. Some, however, can be learnt from the official report. Professor Perkins objects to my saying that Sobell was condemned on the evidence of Elitcher alone. As to this, Judge Irving Kaufman in his charge to the jury said: "If you do not believe the testimony of Max Elitcher as it pertains to Sobell, then you must acquit the defendant Sobell." Elitcher's motives for giving false testimony do not, of course, appear in the official report. But the interesting fact does appear there that the chief agent in the prosecution was McCarthy's now discredited henchman Cohn.

I should be glad to know how Professor Perkins would defend the kidnapping of Sobell and the illegal stamping of his card by the United States immigration officer as "Deported from Mexico." As for the "blanket indictment" of the F.B.I., everybody knows at least the use that the F.B.I. has made of repentant Communists. It is generally recognised in modern times that confessions extorted by torture in past ages are unreliable, but it is thought that testimony extorted from confessed perjurers by the threat of prosecution should be accepted without question.

Professor Perkins doubts whether my letter can have any useful effect. I had hoped that it might induce a re-examination of Sobell's case in America, though Professor Perkins's letter makes me fear that I was too optimistic in this respect. To pass to more general considerations, I most earnestly desire good relations between the United States and my country, and I think it important that Americans should realise what an obstacle to such relations is created by authorised injustice. The cases of Oppenheimer and Lattimore did much harm in this respect, and even more has been done by the Rosenberg-Sobell case. It is not only for the sake of justice, but also for the preservation of Anglo-American friendship that I think a revision of Sobell's trial important. Such cases supply ammunition for Communist propaganda in Britain and Western Europe, and do far more than most Americans realise to help the Communist cause.

Mr Wade N. Mack points out the limitations to the legal powers of the F.B.I. Has he never heard the ancient adage "Quis custodiet custodes"? He goes on to say that he has never known a "thug" to work for the F.B.I. and has never known of the F.B.I. beating up anybody. This, I do not deny; but

know would fill a very large book." Mr Mack is mistaken in saying that I implicate the Mexican Government. On the contrary, it was not a party to the action against Sobell.

Mr Corliss Lamont, of the well-known American banking family, writes to me:

"I was much interested in the 'New York Times' story of March 27, giving a summary of your views on the Federal Bureau of Investigation. From my own personal experience I can assure you that you have not exaggerated the situation. Liberals and Radicals throughout the U.S.A. are fearful that the F.B.I. is tapping their phone, has installed a secret microphone in their living-room or car, opens their mail, or goes over the contents of their wastepaper basket. Because I have an independent income, I am not bothered by such possibilities as much as many other people."

Mr Robert H. Rose seems to object to my quoting facts which have never reached the public and to accuse me of some secret source of knowledge. My sources of knowledge were all in published material. There is a very full account both of the Rosenberg case and of the Sobell case in a large book called "The Judgment of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg" by John Wexley, published by Cameron and Kahn, New York. Mr Elmer Davis, the radio commentator, said after reading this: "Assuming that the record is here correctly cited (and I have no reason to suppose that it is not) I cannot believe the testimony of Elitcher and the Greenglasses, or much if any of that of Harry Gold." There is a brief summary in a leaflet called "The Facts in the Case of Morton Sobell," published by "The National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell," 1050 Sixth Avenue, New York 18. There is also a pamphlet called "U.S. Senator William Langer Asks Justice for Morton Sobell," and an informative pamphlet published by the same committee called "Atomic Scientist Harold Urey Asks Justice for Morton Sobell."

Dr Harold Urey, who is a Nobel Prize man of by no means Left-wing opinion, said: "The integrity of justice as it is administered in the United States is at stake. . . Mr Sobell was not properly tried and the verdict and sentence were not justified." Judge Patrick H. O'Brien, Detroit, Michigan, said: "In accordance with our inheritance as a liberty-loving nation I urge the immediate release of Morton Sobell." Perhaps when Mr Rose has studied these documents he will admit that my letter was not full of unsupported claims.

In conclusion, I cannot do better than offer him the advice which he so kindly offers to me, "that he re-examine his facts, review his paucity of knowledge of the case, re-evaluate his emotional fervour, restrain his crusading zeal, and rewrite his letter."
—Yours &c. BERTRAND RUSSELL.

technique only lends colour to his complaints.

Lord Russell's serious accusations against the F.B.I. are hardly out of phase with what America has been teaching the world to think of it. Though his charges are hard to accept as they stand, I would hear more and request of your correspondents that they cease trying to scream him down. And if he can substantiate his remarks Americans must be grateful to him and not demand an apology. What is

Yours &c. NORWOOD RUSSELL HANSON.
11 Brookside, Cambridge.

Member of Parliament:

Sir,—Even in one's own country it is only when real conviction is based upon close study of the evidence that one cares in a criminal case to challenge the final verdict of the appropriate court. A case subject to a foreign jurisdiction no doubt calls for even greater caution—and diffidence. But the case of the Rosenbergs, for whom nothing can now be done, and of Mr Sobell, who is still alive—so far as existence in Alcatraz can properly be so described,—has aroused worldwide interest for several years.

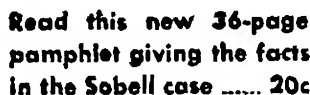
In June of last year Mr John Wexley published in America a long and fully documented account of the matter under the title of "The Judgment of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg." It runs to 664 pages, including 22 appendices. So far as I know, no action has yet been taken against the author or publishers, nor, again so far as I know, is any action contemplated. Yet it contains statements of fact and express inferences from those facts which, if they were made in corresponding circumstances in this country, would leave both author and publishers with no defence, not merely against many libel actions, but against proceedings for gross contempt of court: unless indeed they are true. If they are true, and they do not seem to have been challenged, all these convictions are quite plainly gross miscarriages of justice. If they are not true, I cannot understand Mr Wexley's immunity, nor why no injunction

It is not possible to re-try these cases in the correspondence columns of a newspaper. But perhaps the views of some representative Americans may be of interest. The trial judge made it abundantly clear that the case against Mr Sobell rested upon the sole evidence of one Elitcher, a man who had already been convicted—he has never been sentenced—of perjury. Of his evidence Mr Elmer Davis declared: "I cannot believe the evidence of Elitcher," and Mr McWilliams in "The Nation": "His testimony is 'inherently incredible.'" Professor Love, professor of law in the North-Western University, has said: "The 30-year sentence imposed upon Morton Sobell is a blight upon the reputation of American justice." Judge Frank, in a dissenting judgment in the Circuit Court of Appeals, said: "There was error, in this respect, which requires that Sobell be given a new trial," while Dr Harold C. Urey, a well-known atomic scientist and a Nobel Prize winner, has declared: "The integrity of justice as it is administered in the United States is at stake. . . . Mr Sobell was not properly tried and the verdict and sentence were not justified."

One final word. What possible justification can there be for confining Mr Sobell in Alcatraz?—Yours &c.,

SYDNEY SILVERMAN.

House of Commons.



The Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell

The following article on "The Sovereignty of Mexico and the Case of Morton Sobell" appeared in the April 23rd, 1957 issue of Excelsior, a leading newspaper in Mexico City. It was written by Dr. Luis Sanchez Ponton, former Minister of Education of Mexico and Ambassador to many countries. He is now Senior Professor of Law at the University of Mexico. The Court of Appeals, on May 15th, 1957, refused to grant Morton Sobell a hearing. With the subsequent refusal of the U.S. Supreme Court to review the case, the facts involved in the Sobell kidnapping have never been litigated and resolved.

THE SOVEREIGNTY OF MEXICO AND THE CASE OF MORTON SOBELL

By Dr. Luis Sanchez Ponton

On the fifth of the past month in the most turbulent place in New York the name of Mexico was repeated hundreds of times. It was not in the innermost recess of the United Nations, tied up in the conflict of Egypt and Israel, nor in the meeting halls of the Import-Export Bank, nor in the theatres of Broadway. It was in the solemn court-room of the highest court of the Iron Babel: The Federal Court of Appeals of the Second District.

The famous case of Morton Sobell was being argued at a special hearing. The defense had submitted a petition to the Court to revoke an adverse decision of one of the District Courts, and the main point of this petition is intimately tied to the laws, the authority and the sovereignty of Mexico.

In what manner does this relationship exist, and what has the case of Morton Sobell to do with the rights and the dignity of our nation?

Some organs of the press of this Capital City, on various occasions have published news summaries about this case; and on the occasion of the afore mentioned court hearing, the international news agencies sent news releases which, in my judgment, could not acquaint the public with the nature and importance of these proceedings. For this reason I requested the courtesy of the great newspaper "Excelsior" to explain to its readers, in the most concise manner, the nature of the case which has aroused so much interest in political and legal circles in the U.S.A.

Morton Sobell, at the present time, is suffering a thirty year prison sentence in the penitentiary of Alcatraz, California. The sentence against Sobell was dictated by the Federal judge who condemned Julius and Ethel Rosenberg to death in the electric chair in 1951, on a charge of conspiracy to commit espionage in the interest of the Soviet Union.

The tremendous punishment imposed on the Rosenberg couple, at the time shook the entire world. Great protest demonstrations were held in the principal European capitals in front of North American Embassies; in the most populous cities of the United States the people angartically petitioned the authorities not to carry out the sentence, and even Pope Pius XII addressed himself to President Eisenhower, supporting the demands for clemency which were being sent to him from all parts (of the world). Nevertheless, the sentence was inexorably carried out.

Morton Sobell was connected with this conspiracy by the government attorney (attorney of the Dept. of Justice). No convincing proof was presented against him to the jury. There was only one witness against him whose testimony is suspect for many reasons.

Sobell had no connection with the Rosenbergs in relation to the acts attributed to them. There had been between them only those relations arising out of an old companionship from school. In the charge against the Rosenbergs Morton Sobell was not even mentioned.

What then was the reason for linking Sobell to the trial of the called spies? The only explanation is that Sobell did not offer to serve as a witness for the prosecution against the accused.

Here we find the relationship of this matter to our country. The government attorneys in charge of the trial wanted to exercise press against Sobell in order to achieve their purpose and involve him in a famous conspiracy. For this they needed a concrete charge and convincing proof, that would make him appear as an accomplice, to the Court. It was the accusers, then, who plotted the actual conspiracy.

Mr. Sobell, an engineer specializing in nuclear physics and electronics, who was working at that time in a company devoted to the construction of precision and control apparatus for the most modern armament, was in a position where he could be accused of revealing secrets related to national defense. The agents of the FBI investigated invented absurd stories, and sought out facts to reinforce their plan. The accusation against the Rosenbergs and their in-laws, the Greenglasses, was well planned; against Sobell nothing could be found except the declaration of another childhood friend, Max Elitcher, who affirmed that his two friends had conversed five times in the streets of New York in a period of three years. This Elitcher was the one PROSECUTION witness to whom I referred above.

In the Spring of 1950 Sobell decided to spend his vacation in Mexico, accompanied by his wife and his two minor children. They OBTAINED tourist cards. They settled in an apartment in Cordoba Street in this capital city. He spent his time getting to know the city and its surroundings like all tourists do. He made two trips alone to Veracruz and to Tampico and arranged to return to the United States in September, when his work would resume in that country.

One night, when the children were sleeping and the couple was talking around the dinner table, strangers knocked at the door. They said they were secret police agents and they were looking for a certain Johnny Jones who they claimed broke into a bank in Acapulco. Sobell, according to them, the bandit, Johnny Jones. In vain did Sobell protest and bring out all his documents of identification in order to correct the mistake. This only served to give them the opportunity to take the documents and to bring the victim with them to the building of the so-called Federal Security Police in front of the monument of the Revolution.

Later, on the same night of the 15th of August of that year, the same agents seized the wife and the two children of Sobell; and very early in the morning they conducted all of them in two automobiles to the Northern frontier taking care that they would not be stopped nor pass cities or towns of importance where the kidnap victims could have solicited the protection of the authorities. Thus they arrived after a tiring journey of 20 hours at the border. Before crossing it an official of the North American FBI took charge of the vehicles. Completely ignoring our migration office he brought them to the "other side" and had a migration card written in which the official Huggings wrote, without any document or proof from the Mexican authorities, the words "Deported from Mexico". This falsehood, carefully planned, was the conclusive "proof" against Sobell when he was convicted by the jury.

The allegation of the prosecution was the following: Sobell was involved in the conspiracy headed by Rosenberg. He knew that the police was investigating the activities of the group. He fled illegally to Mexico and not finding himself safe in this country he tried to embark directly for Europe, perhaps to the Soviet Union. Then it was decided to pick him up in Mexico, taking advantage of the "cooperation" of the agents of the Federal Security Police. Sobell was a fugitive from justice, the accusers stated. The government of Mexico expelled him as an undesirable and dangerous alien. Sobell was confessing his guilt by fleeing to Mexico and trying to leave this country. They needed nothing more to send a man to the electric chair or condemn him to 30 years in prison.

Nevertheless, this allegation is entirely false. Sobell had no

was not proved that he had participated in the activities of this group as the judge in the case states in his sentence. When he went to Mexico, he had not been accused or arraigned in his country. He came legally as a tourist and therefore he was not a fugitive. He lived in Mexico without taking part in suspicious activities or making contact with subversive elements. Finally, as it was said above, he was arranging to voluntarily return to the country of his origin before the time limit affixed to the tourist card had expired.

Therefore the declaration made by the public official of the United States--an essential statement in the trial--is a falsehood because Sobell never was expelled nor deported by the government of Mexico, nor did the competent authorities have any part in the apprehension of Sobell and his family, which it has been possible to prove by reliable documents and which only last March was officially confirmed by the Secretary of the Government. If the Federal Security Police or rather some members of it, "collaborated" with the North American FBI in the kidnapping of the Sobell family and in his expulsion from Mexican territory, it is clear that they did it as special detectives, although taking advantage improperly of the privileges that they enjoyed. Nevertheless no one could state with any basis that this intervention occurred with the authorization of the higher authorities.

In the seven years that have elapsed since the arrest of the accused the defense has never ceased fighting on all judicial levels to achieve the revocation of the sentence. Numerous groups from all social and political shades have cooperated in these actions. Many writers of renown in Europe and America have written books, leaflets and essays asking for justice for Sobell.

And now in the face of proof recognized in our country and the legal consequences that can arise from this, the defense took another action to have the trial reviewed. The judge of the District Court denied the petition and the matter was referred to the Court of Appeal. It is here that my professional services were requested for the defense as an expert (very modestly, of course) in constitutional and international law. And in this role I appeared before the New York court.

My interest is not solely in the defense of Morton Sobell. His lawyers in New York and San Francisco are absolutely competent and tireless in his defense. But it was the interest and prestige of Mexico which was involved in the deportation, contrary to every law, of a foreigner who had entered the country in conformity with the established rules, or in permitting the North American authorities to act on our territory as if it were their own, or as if Mexico were a colony of theirs, and to apprehend people they considered criminals without resorting to any legal procedure. Thus these judicial authorities and the police of a neighboring country violated, in the case of Sobell, our constitution, which grants equal guarantees to nationals and to foreigners; the GENERAL PEOPLES LAW (Ley General de Poblacion) which protects and regulates the status of foreigners in Mexico and establishes "deportation" only as a penalty for violating such laws; and finally, they violated THE EXTRADITION TREATY in force between the two countries, for this is the only law applicable to the case, and it was agreed on by the two sovereign states precisely to make subject to exact procedure the apprehension and deportation of foreigners taking refuge in the territory of one or the other countries.

Very well then: this violation of the internal law and of the international law in my opinion, as well as in the opinion of the many specialists who have been consulted, is so serious as to alone deprive the North American court of all jurisdiction to judge and sentence the victim of the kidnapping, because that is the only thing that happened in this case: A KIDNAPPING.

The defense and the court itself wanted me to confirm verbally what I had affirmed in writing. And therefore I went to New York to say with all frankness that Mexico "isn't just anybody's land"; that Mexico is an independent and sovereign country; that Mexico has laws similar in every respect to the United States and that respect for treaties is the basis for international law and of relationships between civilized and friendly nations. Furthermore, I could state, basing myself on official documents, that the Government of Mexico

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did not participate in any way in this illegal act and that therefor the myth of deportation entirely lacks validity in the trial.

The foregoing was said, of course, in a strictly professional and personal role; but I consider that any Mexican can and should defend the sovereignty of his country when it is at issue; and also I believe, contrary to the opinion of the prosecutor of the United States, that an individual, like the accused, can invoke the violation of an international treaty, especially if this refers to a penal matter, in which the public interest is intimately tied in with that of the accused, who suffers the consequences of this violation.

The court in this case has used the expedient of delaying the handing down the decision. But all of us who intervened in this trial have the hope that North American justice will defend its own statutes and will know how to control the abuses and the persecution mania of the police authorities. The epoch of "McCarthyism" must definitely be overcome in a world that pretends to be founded on the principles of liberty and justice.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (100-8894)

DATE: 12/1/58

FROM: SA WILLIAM P. EFFERTZ

SUBJECT: MINNESOTA COMMITTEE FOR THE
DEFENSE OF MORTON SOBELL
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PURPOSE:

To record information contained in a written report dated [REDACTED] received in the mail from [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, by WILLIAM P. EFFERTZ, on 11/3/58. Informant's written report is filed as [REDACTED] b7D

DETAILS:

Informant's report is set out verbatim.

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1 - 100-8894 NAT'L COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL.
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{ ROSE SOBELL } RM
1 - CC - Chicago { SOBELL COMMITTEE } RM

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

FROM: SAC, PHOENIX (100-4333)

RE: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Re Bulet to New York 11/14/58.

On 11/20/58 [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and on 11/21/58 [REDACTED] all who have furnished reliable information in the past, advised that they have no knowledge of any proposal to select a representative to the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell. The Phoenix Sobell Committee does not have a post office box in Phoenix, Arizona and has not had a post office box for over a year. None of these security informants have received any information concerning any recent Sobell activity in the Phoenix area. b7D

On 11/26/58 [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that [REDACTED] received no information regarding the possible selection of a representative from the Tucson, Arizona, area to the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell. b7D

All have been alerted for the possibility that a representative may be chosen in Arizona and are attempting to secure information concerning Sobell activities in Phoenix and Tucson.

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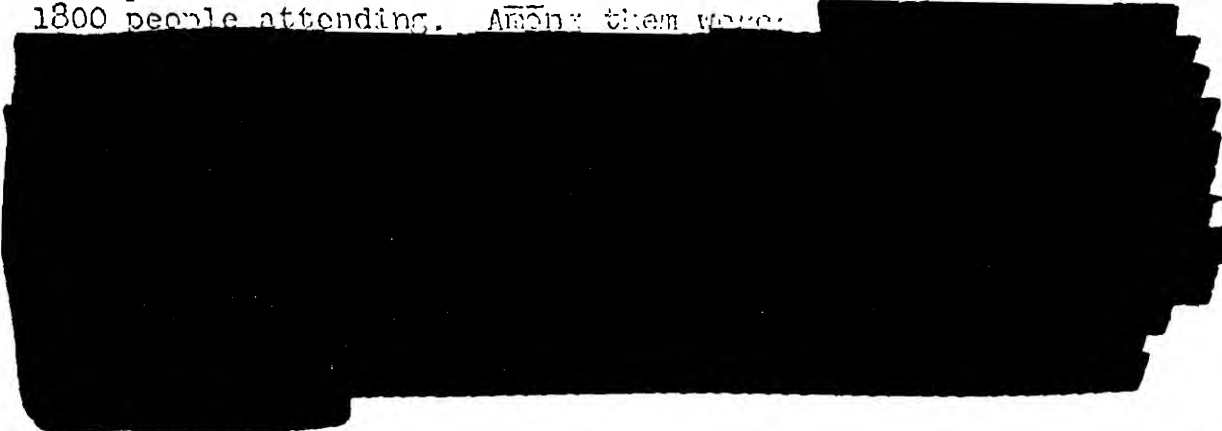
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On 11/14/58 a meeting of the National Council of Amer Soviet Friendship was held at Carnegie Hall. One of the speakers was a Mr. Mohlford. There were approximately 1800 people attending. Among them were:



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Mr Mohlford (NW, 5'8", grey hair, slightly stooped shoulders, high voice, noticeable pouch weight about 185) spoke of the great increase that his organization is having in regard to requests by many American schools to obtain more information about Russia. He stated that his pamphlet is now in 3200 libraries 2300 of which are public libraries & 900 are schools. He stated that what he would ultimately like to see

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is not just exchange of students, but city for city exchange. Such as taking a city like Hartford Conn & Stalingrad & one year have people from that city visit the U. S. and the following year the citizens of the American city visit the Russian city.

Following this speech a contribution was taken up that had been introduced by Mr. Mohlford.

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)(411) DATE: 12/3/58

FROM : SA JAMES P. HALLERON (41)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL
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| Identity of source | [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in past (conceal) |
| Description of info | Bronx Committee for Civil Liberties - organizing a Bronx-wide New Year's Eve Party at Allerton Community Center, |
| Date received | 12/1/58 |
| Received by | SA JAMES P. HALLERON (written) |
| Original location | [REDACTED] |

Utmost care must be used in handling and reporting the following information in order to protect the identity of the informant.

A copy of informant's report follows:

- 1 - [REDACTED]
- 1 - [REDACTED]
- 1 - NY 100-26603-C1945 (Bronx Northeast CP Section)(421)
- 1 - NY 100-118525 (Bronx Civil Liberties Committee)(411)
- ② - NY 100-107111 (411)

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Report

Bronx Committee for
Morton Sobell
Activities.

[REDACTED] b7D
New York

According to [REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED] the "Bronx Committee for Justice for Morton Sobell" is organizing "a Bronx-wide" New Years party at the Allerton Community Center.

[REDACTED] said that members of the Bronx Civil Liberties Committee and of the Northeast Bronx Section of the C.P. are selling tickets for the Morton Sobell New Years party. b7D

[REDACTED] said that "the entire amount of the money which will be raised at the party will go to the National Committee for Justice for Morton Sobell to help in the fight for the freedom of Morton Sobell."

SAC, ST. LOUIS (100-11726)

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SA CLARK S. SMITH

ST. LOUIS COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
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SA CLARK S. SMITH

The letter from Rev. PETER MCCORMACK, which, according to [REDACTED] issued by the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, has been sent to newspaper editors, columnists and important persons in television and radio, is being quoted as follows:

"Rev. Peter McCormack
2301 Turk Street
San Francisco 14, Cal.

October, 1958

"Dear Sirs:

"After a long and I trust a more or less successful ministry in the Presbyterian Church, I take the liberty

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of presenting to you a matter that is very much on my heart and likewise something of a concern to many ill: me throughout the country.

"For several years I served as Chaplain in the United States Penitentiary at Alcatraz. Through the years my intimate contact with the inmates there gave me an insight into the real characters of the men. 'Some were good and some bad, as good and as bad as I' as Sam Foss says in his poem. But among them there were some that specially impressed me; among these was the man Morton Sobell who, you recall, was convicted in the Rosenberg trial. During my long ministry I have shared the experiences of many men in various environments, but as the Chaplain at Alcatraz I came to know men in a new way. Prison experience has a way of stripping away surface characteristics and permits one to really know men.

"Through the years of my association with Morton Sobell, I became more and more convinced of his innocence and that he was unjustly accused. I feel so keenly on this matter that I would like you to know something about the man, whose fate was determined by a public opinion resulting from hysteria. To speak frankly, my increasing knowledge of the man Morton Sobell led me to the conclusion that he was in no sense guilty of the charges of his accusers, indeed I cannot associate the man with the crime. He is a man of fine culture, a man loyal and devoted to the best interests of home and country, a man of integrity and good will, a man of skill and scientific understanding, whose genius might be used for our country's good. It is hard for me to believe that justice was done in his case.

"I appeal to you and other members of your distinguished profession who are trained to distinguish between the true and the false, that you scrutinize the facts in this case and having done so publish your comments as to the validity of the enclosed appeal to the President, which I have signed along with many other distinguished Americans. I am sure your views will carry great weight in resolving this problem. I would be happy to send you pertinent material, including copies

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of various articles on the case, the complete transcript of the trial, and an objective book on the subject, written by Professor Malcolm Sharp of the University of Chicago Law School with an introduction by the famous scientist Dr. Harold Urey.

"Thanking you for your consideration of this communication and requesting a statement of your reaction and intimation as to what you can and will do, I am;

"Very sincerely yours,

Rev. Peter McCormack."

The above described [REDACTED] and letter from Rev. PETER McCORMACK are being made an exhibit in [REDACTED]

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SA ANTHONY E. CONSTANTINO (#412)

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On 12/2/58, [REDACTED] b7D
[REDACTED] was available to
the writer on a confidential basis. The bank records
concerning the above captioned account located at
the Amalgamated Bank, 11-15 Union Square, NYC.

A review of the records for the month of
November, 1958, reflected the following, which
considered pertinent:

| Check Number | Date | Payee | Amount | Endorser and/or Bank of Deposit |
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| 82 | | Weekly Guardian, Inc. | \$11.00 | Amalgamated |
| 84 | 11/7/58 | Library for Intercultural Studies, Inc. | \$100.00 | Sterling Nat'l |
| 96 | 11/19/58 | Library for Intercultural Studies Inc. | \$50.00 | Sterling Nat'l |
| 99 | 11/20/58 | Cash | \$100.00 | Sobell Committee |

The balance as of 11/30/58 was \$13,334.57.

- 1 - [REDACTED] b7D
1 - New York (100-93371) (Weekly Guardian) (#112)
1 - New York (100-110277) (Library for Intercultural Studies) (#111)
1 - New York (100-107111) (Sobell Committee) (#11)
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